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Early Settler Bequeaths Name To Town Of Shelburn

The town of Shelburn was named for Paschal Shelburn, one of the early settlers of Curry township, who had purchased a large tract of land when he came here in 1818, and lived there until his death at the age of eighty. He was a bachelor. In 1855, about a year after the completion of the railroad, he platted a town of some of his land. There were 33 lots in the original plat, 24 being on the east side of the railroad and the remainder on the west side.

The coal mining industry has always been the main source of profit and support for the town, and the Shelburn Coal Company a quarter of a century ago was one of the large companies of the county. The town had been incorporated, a graded school had been organized, and there were a grist mill and the various stores and professional interests of a village of several hundred population. During the nineties the impression prevailed that the coal deposits of this vicinity were worked out, and the progress of the town was seriously checked until it was discovered that the better veins of coal lay deeper than those already worked. Since then a considerable part of the coal industry of the county had centered about Shelburn, and the population has grown rapidly during the present century. The Mammoth Coal Company was one of the large concerns that gave employment to many miners, for whose accomodation nearly a hundred houses were built south of the old town.

During 1904 and 05 several notable developments occurred. An addition was built to the old school house, making the building nearly three times its original capacity. A chemical fire engine was bought for the protection of property. In the fall of 1905 the Presbyterian and Christian denominations effected church organization. The oldest churches are the Methodist and the Baptist, the latter having been organized about 1871. In February, 1906, the Baptist Sunday school celebrated its 36th anniversary, commemorating its organization in the old school house with forty members, of whom the only survivor at this time was J. P. Siner, who was the first secretary. This was the first religious organization in the town and was followed about a year

Shelburn Bicentennial Celebration June 25, 26, & 27, 1976

Fun, games, and contests with prizes await you June 25th, 26th and 27th at Shelburn, Indiana. The 1976 Bicentennial Celebration will open Friday night in the elementary school gym where patriotic music will be performed in colorful splendor. Cherry,

apple and peach pie will be sampled Saturday morning as the games and contests commence. Over 30 floats and groups will parade from the school and around town at 3 p.m. Chicken and noodles and oodles of other good things to eat will be cookin' for you in

various food stands located around town. Also plan to join the community church service Sunday morning outside the community building. Bring family and friends... Let's say a real big Happy Birthday America!

Kentuckian Locates Homestead Near Currys ville

Before Curry Township was organized it and Hamilton Township were united. Then the first school was where Little Flock church now is. Since it was organized the first school house stood where the town of Currys-ville now is. It was one of the usual pioneer pattern puncheon floor, greased paper windows and one whole side of the house was occupied by a large fire place. It was erected in 1821. The children were so eager to go to school then that they would sometimes walk five or six miles to this one. They were not very far advanced in their school work in these days and did not use nearly so many books as we do today. Mr. Graham was their first teacher. The principle towns were Currys-ville, Farmersburg and Shelburn. Currys-ville was laid out in the year 1850 by Adam Carrithers and Joseph Gray. It received its name from Samuel Curry, one of the early and prominent settlers of Curry Township. The coal mine owned by Richards and Woolley was the chief interest. That mine was a very prominent one, running a force of about fifty men. But it is not used at the present time. Farmersburg was laid out in 1853 by Will Hopewell and S. J. Cummins. The latter built the first house. It was located on forty acres of land and has grown considerably from that time. Shelburn was laid out in 1857 by Pascal Shelburn. He came to Sullivan in 1818 from Kentucky. He purchased a tract of land upon which he settled and lived and died an old bachelor. There were two mines in Shelburn which furnished employment for its inhabitants. There were also a few stores and a saloon. Burchard is a little town about three miles west of Farmersburg. At first it consisted of one store, with Lon Hill as store keeper and Postmaster. When Curry Township and Hamilton Township were united most the people went to church at Little Flock. The first church that was organized in Curry Township was Friendship. Ebenezer, one of the oldest churches, was built by Thomas Manwarring, Joel Collins, Job M. Baker, Orsinath Fisher, Rev. Ernhard, Rev. Abraham Stark and Rev. Will Stansil were some of the oldest preachers. There are several churches now of different denominations. In the time of the early

Daily Program

Friday Night

8:00 Triads Singing Group

Saturday Morning

10:00 Childrens Big Wheel Race

10:00 Pie Baking Contest

10:30 John T. Myers Speech

11:00 Mr. & Mrs. Bicentennial Honored

11:30 Beard Contest

Saturday Afternoon

1:00 Old Fashioned Style Show

3:00 Parade

4:30 Local Talent Show

5:00 Dance Review

6:00 Alleluia Gospel Group

7:00 God's Children Gospel Group

8:00 Sullivan County Opry

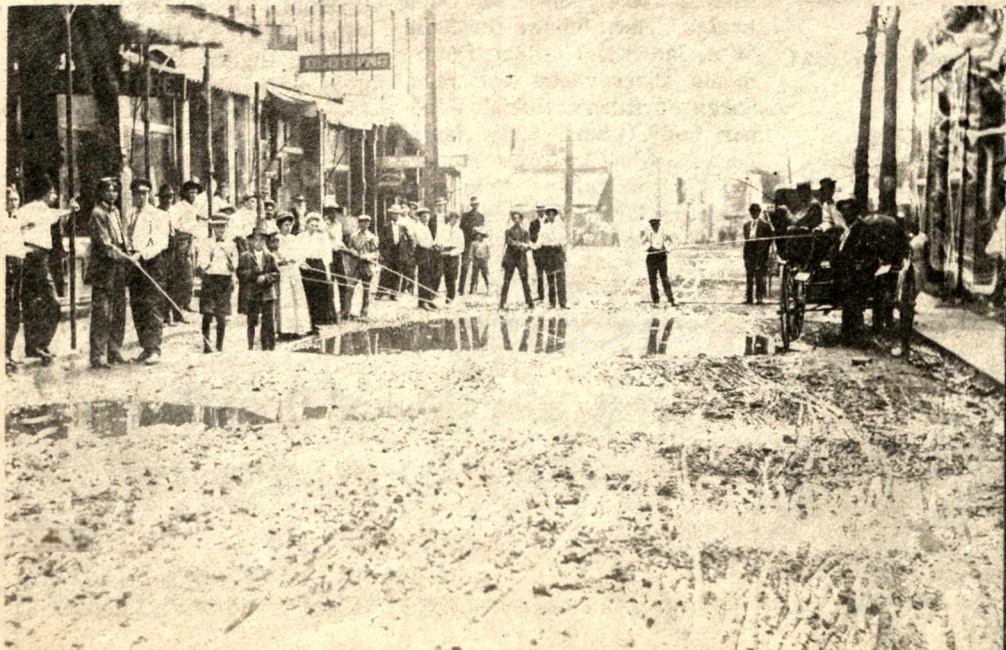
Sunday Morning

10:45 Community Outdoor Church Service

Sunday Afternoon

2:00 Community Gospel Sing

4:00 Games & Contests



Shelburn

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later by the organization of the Baptist church.

Shelburn has been rather in advance of the towns of its size in municipal improvement. It has made the beginning of a sewer system, its streets are lighted, and with good schools and churches it affords many advantages to its residents. Shelburn has had several destructive fires—that of July 7, 1885, when the Linn and Cuppy buildings were burned; on December 22, 1893, burning Siner's hardware store; and November 15, 1905, which caused a loss of about \$5,000.

Currysville

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history of our Township the churches were very much different from those we have now. The people also have changed. They would then walk a distance of five or six miles to a night meeting. The young people especially would gather together and many were the happy times they had.

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Often in the summer time they would go barefooted to church and carry their shoes and stockings under their arms till they got very near to the church, then they would sit down on a log and put them on before going in. When they came out after the meeting was over they would pull them off again and walk home barefooted. This seems very strange to the young people of today. The only conveyances were on foot and horseback. When the people would start a long distance on horseback they would fill their saddle bags with corn to feed their horses. Elic McDaniel owned the first carriage. They hauled their corn in with sleds. Their plows were made of wood except the shares. Their harrows were also made of wood. These were about all of the farming implements they used in those days.

Samuel Curry, Will Curry, Pascal Shelburn, Terry Harris, Mr. Pumeroy, Mr. Mills, and Mr. Lloyd. Samuel Curry was the man for whom the town of Currysville was named. He came from Kentucky at an early date. William Curry, the son of Samuel Curry came from Kentucky in 1817, and settled upon a tract of ground about three miles northeast of Currysville. Pascal Shelburn was the prominent settler who laid out the town of Shelburn and for whom it was named. Terry Harris was killed about a mile west of Shelburn.

Curry Township is that part of Sullivan County which occupies the center of the tier of Townships forming the northern third of the County. It is bounded on the north by Linton Township, Vigo County, on the east by Jackson Township, on the west by Fairbanks Township, and on the south by Hamilton Township.

Since the records have been destroyed, the time of its organization is not definitely known, but it is supposed to be about the year 1840. It was one among the first Townships organized and one of the first settled.

The soil was excellent. It was well watered and well timbered except the western part which was mostly prairies. A long time ago before the Township was organized there were no highways. There were only narrow paths through the woods. But later a road was cut out between Terre Haute and Sullivan. The railroad that is now known as the E and T. H. was then called the Evansville and Crawfordsville. The Township was very thinly settled and the houses were many miles apart. So if a man wished to see one of his neighbors he had to walk three or four miles before reaching his home. Many of the log cabins built in those days consisted of but one room. These were the only kind of houses built in those days. We young people of today could hardly think of having to live in a house like that. But we can be no happier than the people were in those days, for in such households there were but few idle days, but many happy ones. And for recreation the young people had sleighing parties, husking bees and other merry makings. At the husking bees the young people met to husk corn. And there was usually quite as much fun as work on such occasions. Turman's creek in the western part and Morrison creek beginning somewhere about the center of the southern part of the Township were the chief means of drainage. In the early history of the Township the principle animals were deer, panthers, wolves, wild cats and lynx. And other small game including wild turkeys. But hardly any of these animals are found today. The wolves used to be very bad and would eat all the sheep they could find. In one case a farmer had three pet lambs in his yard one night and when he awakened the next morning they were gone. The wolves had come and eaten them during the night.

If such a thing as that was to happen now we would think hard times were coming sure.

Many years ago there were Indians in this part of the country. But most of them were gone when it became an independent Township.

To think of it at times, it seems almost impossible for us to have improved so much in the various phases of life from those days to this. In the first place, the people have changed very much. Instead of the old log school houses that used to be, we now have brick school-houses very nicely furnished both on the outside and inside. We also have the very best of teachers, and in all ways, the pupils are very much farther advanced in their school work. We now have many kinds of useful farming implements that aid the men in doing much of their hard work. For, example, the reapers and mowers of today, for cutting grain and grass, show the immense advance we have made over the slow work formerly done by hand with sickle and scythe. One of the old settlers of Curry township informed us the other day that he helped dig the large millpond in Shelburn, and furnished two yoke of oxen, and only received a dollar and a half a day, yet he always went home with a light heart. From this we see how much more money the men get today than they did in those days, for the work they do. A man would not think of doing that today without receiving at least three dollars and a half a day. We now have gravel roads throughout the township instead of only narrow paths through the woods and when a person wishes to go very far, he does not have to travel very far over bad roads, nor walk a very long distance, but can either go on the train, in an automobile, or in a fine carriage.

When the township was organized, the chief occupation was the raising of flax. The seed was sown something like our wheat seed is sown today. When it came up and got ripe, it was pulled up with the hands and bound into bundles. They would then break it, swingle, hackle it, spin it and weave it. The chief occupations today are the raising of stock, farming, and mining. Many people now turn their farms into pastures for stock. When they farm, they seem to think they cannot get along without their cultivators, reapers, corn planters, wheat-drills, mowers, and many other useful farming implements when, many years ago, the people would not have known what any of those things were.

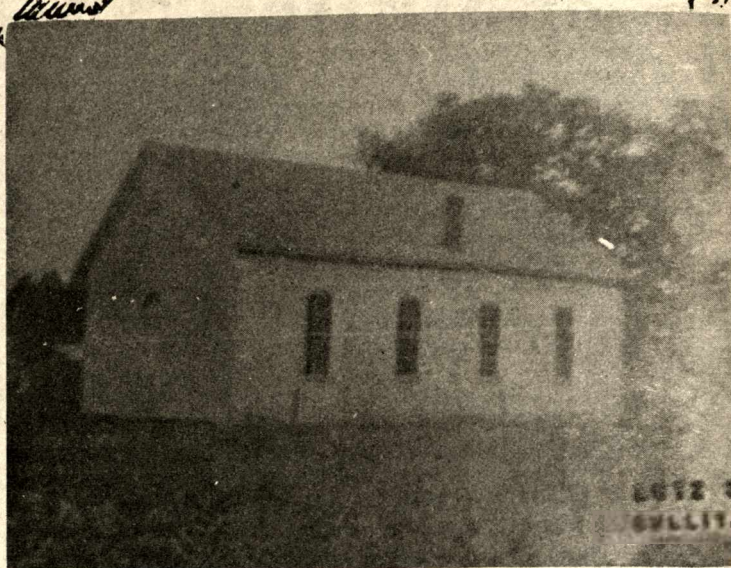
The coal fields are being more fully developed all of the time. Many of the young men now turn their attention to coal mining. They get two dollars and two and one half cents for eight hours work.

Two men especially, that were born in Curry Township, have won special honors. They are J. A. Barcas, Editor of the Terre Haute Morning Star, and Homer Taylor, a lawyer living in Terre Haute.

Sadie A. McCammon Jan., 1904



Little Flock



Rev. William Stansil was first pastor in 1824. First church was a small log building erected in 1821.

The old record of the Little Flock Baptist Church near Shelburn, organized in 1821, contains much of historic interest. Church trials were frequent against members of the congregation, but the outstanding one is the trial and conviction of John Osburn, in 1835, on a charge of witchcraft.

The first meetings were held in the log cabins of the pioneers. The church was very strict in its discipline and hardly a meeting was held unless a grievance was reported because some member was alleged to have not taken gospel steps in some of his or her actions.

The church was organized 122 years ago and was dissolved in recent years. The charter members were Tyre Harris, Susannah Harris, John Hodges, Polly Morgan, Mary Hill, Robert Anderson, Elizabeth Anderson, Sarah Anderson, Betsy Anderson, Sarah Eldridge, and Patience Cummins.

The first meetings were recorded in 1824, and some of the early ministers were: Thomas R. McKinley, William B. Stansil, William B. Eldridge, Willis Pierson, James Lloyd was the moderator and William B. Eldridge was clerk in 1824. William B. Stansil was the father of the late Bennett Stansil of this city. Rev. Stansil was the first regular pastor of the church in 1824.

The original site of the church was purchased in 1816 from Tyre Harris, the deed being recorded at Merom, then the county seat. The first church a log building 24x36 feet was built in 1821. A member was hired by the year to sweep the church, get firewood and make fires. The old record notes a compensation of \$1.25 a year. The next church building, a frame structure, was built in 1852. The last church, now razed was built in the seventies, under the pastorate of S. K. Fuson.

The roster of the membership from 1825 to 1851 carries the names of many whose descendants still reside in the county. The list is lead by Richard Dodd, who conducted the Dodd Tavern at what is now known as Dodd Bridge. Then follows Profeilla Mise, James D. Gardner, Desdemonia Siner, John Anderson, Sarah Carrithers, Huldah Gardner, Sally Osburn, Sally Nantz, Susanna Glover, Grover Pomeroy, Levi Chambers, Champion Shelburn, John Lloyd, Eleanor Lloyd, Nancy Lloyd, Ann Lloyd, Alexander McDaniel, Sally Mc-

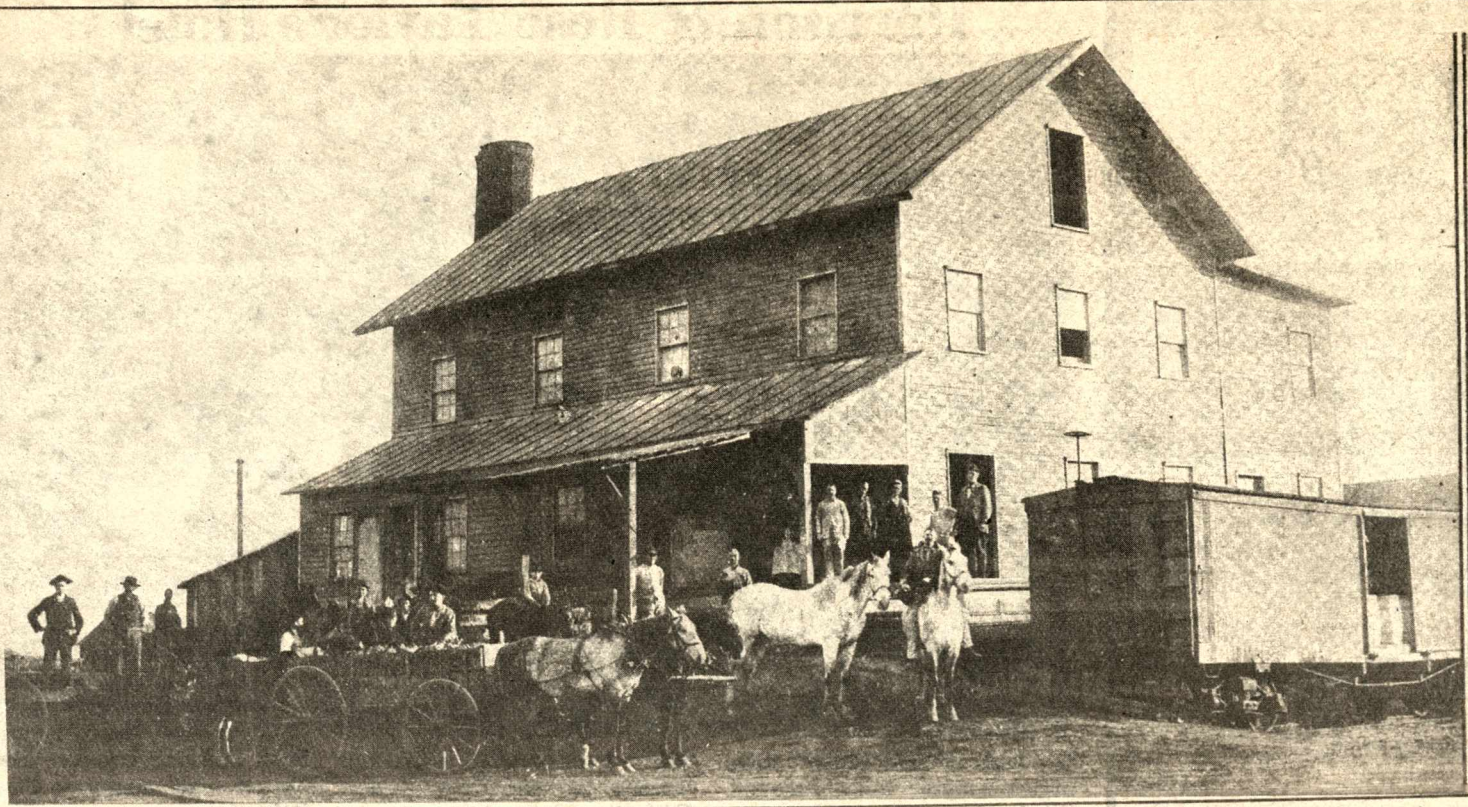
Daniel, Nancy Carrithers, Mary Carrithers, Dolly Mahan, Henry Rusher, Katharine Rusher, William Rusher, Elizabeth Rusher, Asmith Rusher, Clarisa Pomeroy, Ann Harris, Elizabeth Osburn, Mahala Lloyd, Moses Lloyd, John Osburn, John Bridges, Sally Bridges, Polly Laswell, Edward Dodd, Cinthia Dodd, Elizabeth Lacefield, James Rusher, Nancy Rusher, Aldert Plugh, Fanny Plugh, Jared Rundel, Andrew Rusher, Charnell Laswell, Lydia Laswell, Williamson Lloyd, Joseph Kelly, Mary Kelly, Eli Mills, Anne Mills, Sally Plugh, Anna Harris, Betsy Cummins, Samuel Cummins, Olla Bridges, Wm. E. Eldridge, Rebecca Daniel, Wm. C. Griffith, Elihu Pittman, Meriom Litmus, Samuel Osburn, Samuel Oakes, Hardy Hill, Nelson Siner, James Bell, Allen Pittman, Henry Hopewell, Mary Hopewell, Prudence Reed, Dicey Bell, John Pugh, Lavina Powers, Mehelah Cuppy, Shadrack Payser, Mary Payser, James Plew, Rebecca Pittman, Mary All, Sarah All, Manerva All, Elizabeth All, William Woodsmall, Polly Woodsmall, Thomas R. McKinney, Elizabeth Dicks, Martha Jane Hill, Sally Fox, Daniel Clark, Elizabeth Clark, Elizabeth Larey, Melissa Lloyd, Champion Shelburn, Abraham Stark, Sally Stark, Elisha Stark, Samuel Osburn, Mary Jewell, William Stark, Frisiah Stark, Polly Cotton, Tamar Cotton, Sanford Pittman, Elizabeth Pittman, Carline Mills, George Hammack, Robert Daniel, Margaret Daniel, Elizabeth Brookbank, Reuben Stout, Sarah Stout, Richmond Shelburn, Melvina Bennett, Mary Watson, Mahala Anderson, Benjamin Dosson, Lydia Dosson, Joseph Bailey, Margaret McGrew, Jane McKinney, Jacob Marts, Rebecca Tinscher, Jacob Marts Sr., Martha Marts, Nancy Broders, Jacob Borders, Flender Osburn, Jane Griffith, Letticia Plew, Mary Peyton, Elizabeth Simpson, John Cuppy, Eliza Briscoe, Stephen Jewell, Robert Ewing, Lucy Ann Ewing, Green C. Gardner, Jane Elliott, Sarah Lee, Paskel Shelburn, Thomas Marts, Chamberlin Marts, Mary Marts, Elizabeth Combs, Lacey Kirkham, John Bilyou, Polly Bilyou, Elizabeth Thompson, William Higdon, Ellen Kirkham, Francis Griffith, Nancy Higdon, Hannah Marts, Mary Phillips, Alexander McDonall, Melvina McDonall, Thomas Black, Joseph Liston, and Margaret Liston.

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LANDMARKS—The Banholzer and Sons flour mill at Shelburn, destroyed by fire in 1898. It produced ninety barrels of flour every twenty-four hours. Photo furnished by J. W. Martin

Early Days Of The Town Of Shelburn

(by J. W. Martin)

Drifting back to the early days of the town of Shelburn and the thrilling incidents which took place in about the year 1865, we chronicle a very exciting period which we relate as gathered by old pioneers who lived in and around here at the time mentioned. Our information was gleaned through the medium of Messrs C. B. Bolinger and Samuel McGarvey and Mrs. David Plew, who resided here at the time this hanging bee was in action.

Mrs. David Plew was the daughter of Reese Nesbit, who was the first person to find Bricktop, alias Miller, and who discovered McGregory secreted in a hazel brush pile, which were quite numerous around here at the time mentioned, where Bricktop had knocked McGregory senseless and had slashed him with a pocket knife and dragged his victim out and concealed him under a pile of hazel brush, thinking he was dead from being knocked senseless and the loss of blood.

The spot where this treacherous act was committed was where the two cement block dwelling houses now stand just east of the former residence of P. T. Lloyd.

McGregory was a citizen of Kentucky at the time. Under the guise of purchasing cheap timber land Bricktop had induced McGregory to come to Indiana. From the information we can gather, Bricktop operated with a

gang of horse thieves, and was somewhat familiar with this section of the country. After leaving the train the two journeyed westward where the timber land was supposed to be located. Bricktop borrowed McGregory's pocket knife to cut a walking stick, and while McGregory was taking in the surroundings Bricktop knocked him senseless with the cudgel and slashed him and dragged him into the hazel brush to die from the effects of the loss of blood and the serious wounds which Bricktop had inflicted.

Mr. Reese Nesbit, father of Mrs. David Plew, had gone over to Bill Skinners after a load of wheat to take to the mill, and on his return his horses became frightened and refused to go further, Mr. Nesbit, upon investigating the cause of the trouble, found McGregory in a helpless condition from the loss of blood. Mr. Nesbit soon spread the alarm, and in a short time an excited crowd was assembled and Bricktop captured near a coal shack where O. M. Sebrings Smoke House now stands. Bricktop was holding the crowd at bay until some soldiers, who were returning from the Civil War, disembarked from the train on an open platform which stood opposite Stanley's shoe shop.

The soldiers, learning the cause of the excitement, went over where the crowd had gathered and grabbed Bricktop, and he was taken back to Skinners where McGregory was

being taken care of, for identification, and was recognized by McGregory as his assailant.

He was brought back to town and taken to an ash tree which is near where Samuel Woolley's residence now stands, and the rope thrown over a limb which projected over the road, and a wagon driven from under him. The money which Bricktop had extracted from his victim was still intact except of a few dollars which he had spent for wearing apparel. It is said the money taken totaled \$51.

There were several women who witnessed the execution, and it is said, some of them fainted. Henry Wallace, who was Justice of the Peace, advised the crowd to let the law take its course, but if they determined to hang him to let him get away. Bricktop was executed and taken to a lonely spot on the railroad south of the dept on the right-of-way, just south of a mile post between Uncle Billy Higdon's farm and the railroad track, and buried. The grave faced north and south, instead of the present custom east and west.

James Bulger, section foreman at the time looked after the up-keep of the grave during his services as section foreman, but since his services were discontinued it would be a difficult task to locate the exact spot.

Wm. Rogers, Tadlock Allen and Hyden Cuppy were the three parties who were indicted and were defended by Judge Hanna, who resided where the Ben

Picnic." On a panel jury at Louisville, Ky. the members of the jury were relating their narrow escapes from death through life. Among the number was this man McGregory, who Bricktop attempted to murder, a full description of his narrow escape from the jaws of death.

Mrs. David Plew, a daughter of Reese Nesbit, had met Bricktop at her father's home where he had taken his meals several times before this attempted murder had taken place. There were several other parties who were supposed to have taken part in the execution, but the three mentioned were the only ones indicted. The above account is as near as we could possibly secure as related by Messrs. C. B. Bolinger and Samuel McGarvey and Mrs. David Plew, who were living in and around here at the time, and my interview with the above parties mentioned corroborated almost the same in detail.

Recently relatives from Kentucky were looking for an old man said to be 80 years old, by the name of McHale, who disappeared many years ago who they thought might have been the man Bricktop attempted to kill, but the parties acquainted with the circumstances say McGregory was not that old, therefore was not the man the relatives were looking for.

Bolinger residence now stands.

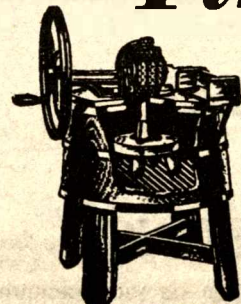
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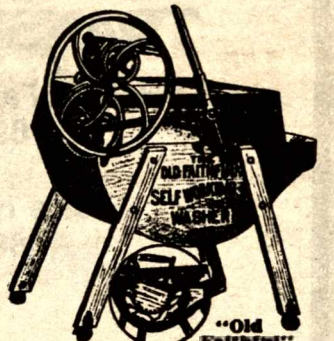
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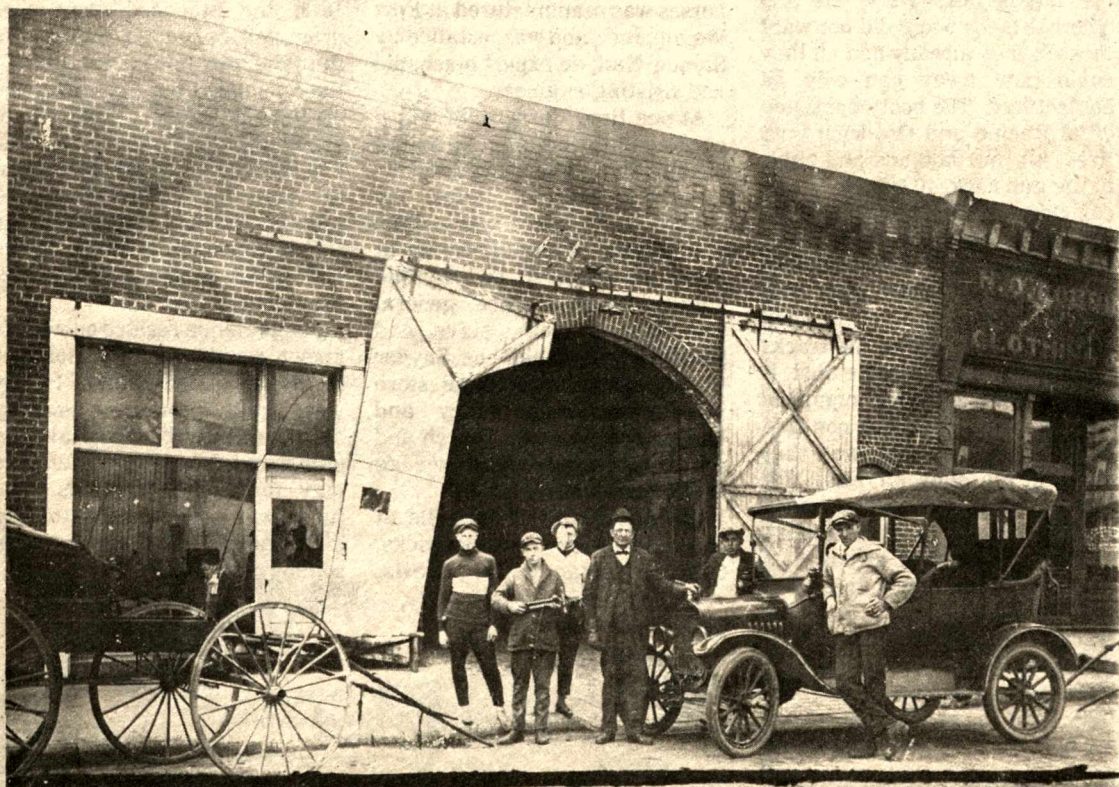


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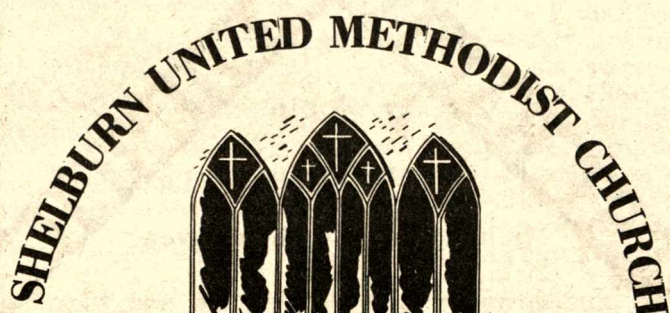
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Turner and Beatrice Howard
Bolinger.

**Robbers Make
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Sept. 14, 1917

Around about the midnight hour or early this Friday morning burglars entered the hardware store of Nicholson Bros. and secured booty to the value of over \$600.00. That it occurred around midnight is known because Cal Nicholson did not leave the store until after 11 p.m. Mounting a box about three feet high to reach an alley window at the rear end of the wareroom on the north, one of the robbers smashed out the glass and crawled through. Entrance to the store was gained through smashing the glass out of the window at the office in the southeast corner. This window is protected by a heavy storm or fire window, but Thursday night on closing up fastening of the catches had been overlooked, thereby making it lots easier for the robbers to get in. On departing they left the alley doors swinging wide open, and Wm. Richardson, who lives back of the store on Thomas Street, on departing for work at Mildren mine about 5 o'clock, noticed the open doors. He told Mrs. Richardson about it and she in turn telephoned Earl Nicholson. Entering by the front door Earl walked through the store to the auto tire rack. On his return, here however, he was made to realize that somebody had been there while he was gone, for the rack was about gutted. But six of the largest size were left and whether the robbers did not want these or they already had all they could haul away can only be conjectured. The booty consisted of 26 Racine and Goodrich auto tires, all the shotguns and rifles in the gun rack, 10,000 shells and cartridges and about all the pocket knives and watches in the show cases, and of which there was a large assortment. The robbers used an auto to haul away their loot. From the tracks plainly discernible in the dust, it was a Ford machine equipped around with Firestone non-skid tires. These tracks showed they came in the alley off East Mill Street, and on leaving they continued north to the Methodist Church, where they swung east over to Thomas Street and out to the Hymera road. Here the tracks become so mixed with others that they could not be followed further, but it is more than likely they turned east to No. 7 school house to the Terre Haute road. Marshall Stevenson was notified and he turned in an

alarm to the police of Terre Haute and surrounding towns, but up to press time nothing had been unearthed that furnished a clue. It is taken for granted, though that it was the work of Terre Haute crooks. Thursday afternoon two strangers were noticed walking around sizing up the stores in the square. Both bore a rather unsavory appearance, it is said. Good descriptions of them have been furnished the officers, and every effort will be made to locate them. There were probably three or four concerned in the robbery, and with 26 auto tires and the other booty, the machine must have been just a wee bit crowded on the return journey.

**Currys ville...A
Quaint Old
Village**

Among the articles which we have prepared on the early history of Curry township, we have selected as a topic the quaint old village of Currys ville—at this time one of the business centers of that township.

In the spring of 1866, Frank Richards, Paul Buckley, Joe Beswick and twenty other Englishmen formed a company known as The Pioneer Coal Company and sank the old Currys ville mine.

It was operated on a co-operative basis. The hoisting of the coal was done by horse-power and later a hoisting engine replaced the two blind horses and the old gin which was used when the mine was opened.

Dick Conkle, father of the late Harry Conkle, was the top boss. The new hoisting engine which was installed to replace the horses was manufactured at Fort Wayne, Ind., and was installed by Samuel Kail, an expert mechanic and hoisting engineer.

At one time Currys ville was a coaling station for railroad engines on the Evansville-Crawfordsville railroad, later the Evansville to Terre Haute line. The industries of Currys ville at that time included; the railroad station, the post office, general merchandise store, stave and shingle factory, and the Snyder Wagon shop. The general store was operated by Macy and Ladson. There was a church and school to take care of the civic life of the community.

Old families of Currys ville at this time were: the Beswicks, Cokers, Bracekells, Kails,

Smiths, Postalwaites, Mills, Taylors, Plews, Prosters, Lloyds, and many others.

I have been informed that at one time there was a distillery located in the quaint little village where the farmers would take their grain.

A Scotch colony resided just west of where A. H. Cocran now lives. A family by the name of Irwin possessed great musical talent and frequently would entertain the public with their favorite instrument, the bagpipe. Sometimes they would walk along the railroad to Sullivan playing the bag-pipe as they went.

A prize ring, is said, was located north of where Charlie Carriers now resides, and, so the story goes, many disputes were settled in this ring according to London prize ring rules.

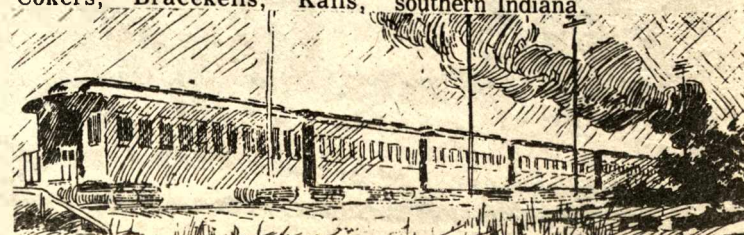
One fight is said to have lasted forty-two rounds. A baseball diamond was nearby and many famous and historic disputes were fought out there. The ball ground was owned by Steven Bracewell, and was the home of the old "Paralyzers" baseball club.

The old Currys ville pond, which furnished water for the stave and shingle factory, was a favorite skating place for the young people of the community. Shiny was a favorite pastime. It was at this pond that Floyd Yeager, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Yeager, broke through the ice while skating and was drowned.

In the year 1878, the Knights of Labor was organized and met over the Dick Ladson store in Currys ville.

In 1870, the Currys ville mine was the only mine on the road between Terre Haute and Evansville in operation. About the year 1873, the Standard mine was promoted by Judge Hanna and the Shelby mine was sunk by the Shelby Coal Co. composed of Paul Buckley, Frank Richards, and Billy Jefferson. The two companies struck coal about the same time. The last named mine was located across from the C.E.I. depot in Shelby. There was great rejoicing when coal was struck.

Judge Hanna resided on what is known as the Charlie Bolinger farm. The judge and his family were quite prominent socially and frequently brought talented orchestras from Terre Haute to play for social functions. The judge was a prominent attorney and was widely known over southern Indiana.



Taylor Shell In 1926 - W.D. Taylor Feed & Board Barn In 1890



Recollections Of Early Currysville

In the year 1870-65 years ago—with my parents, I landed in Shelburn one-half mile south of Currysville, Ind. at this time on the Evansville and Crawfordsville railroad, afterwards the E. & T.H.R.R. The old Pioneer Coal company was operated by 15 Englishmen and Scotchmen who composed the company at this time. William Beswick, Joe Beswick, Jack Taylor, Jack Bradbury, Tom Prosser, Frank Richards, William Jefferson, Paul Buckley and Hugh Moore. The above names are the ones which I call to memory. In 1866 or 67 this company began sinking the Pioneer Coal mine at Currysville and in 1868 had begun hoisting coal. This was the only mine between Terre Haute and Evansville at this time. Later, Frank Richards, William Jefferson, Paul Buckley and Hugh Moore withdrew from this company and organized what was known as the Shelburn Coal Co. across the track opposite the present depot. About the year 1872 or 73 the Standard mine began operation, also the Old Shelburn mine opposite the C. & E.I. depot. The old Shelburn mine struck coal about the same time the Standard Coal Co. began operation, about the year 1873 and was under the supervision of Judge Hanna who afterwards relinquished his holdings to the Giles, of Sullivan. The old Pioneer Coal Co. was composed of the 15 miners was the first company to bring coal to the surface in the year 1868. There are none of the survivors of the

Pioneer Coal Co. living; they have cross the great divide. There are quite a number of their descendants living, among whom are Betty Ladson, Nee Beswick, James and John Taylor, Sam Bradbury, and Tom Prosser.

At one time, Currysville was a live business center. Richard Ladson and David Massey conducted a general store there and there also was a stave and heading factory, in which shingles also were manufactured.

A Methodist church was erected there and later was brought to Shelburn. The story is told that the removal of the church so incensed the people of the village that they took the bell and buried it.

During the time the Methodist church was located in Currysville, it was the scene of many widespread religious revivals. Among the old time ministers were Revs. Lee, Heavenridge and Johnny St. Clair. Among those who took part in the church life there were Mrs. S. E. Kail, the mother of Mrs. Jennie Kail Ford of Des Moines, Iowa, and Mrs. Frank Richards and others. Many weddings of persons, then prominent in the community life, were solemnized at that church.

Currysville was the home of Uncle Johnny Dawson, who reached the ripe old age of 103 years.

Judge Henry of Terre Haute was responsible for leasing a great deal of the coal land in that community in and around the old Standard mine.

The Currysville pond was the scene of the tragedy in which Floyd Yeager broke through the ice and was drowned.

There were two saloons in the community, one occupying the site, now the junction of the two paved roads, and the other just north of the old mine.

Just west of where A. H. Cochran lives there was a Scotch settlements, the Irwins and Pattersons being among the most prominent residents.

Among the names familiar in the early history of Currysville were the Cokers, Richards, Broadbeat, Jake Duggan, James Mills, James Liddle and family, Dave Massey and family, Steve Bracewell and family, S. E. Kail and family, Dave Plew, Harve

Postelwaite, Jack Bradbury, Jack Taylor, The Carrithers and Dan Leese and family, and John Creager.

The Judge Hanna home just north of Currysville was the center of social activities.

One of the memorable events of the town was the presidential election in which Hays and Wheeler were the Republican candidates and Hendricks, Democratic candidates. It was held in the Currysville school house in November, 1876.

There was another industry in Currysville, which we had almost forgotten, the Snyder Bros.

wagon shop which enjoyed a good business in line.

After the Pioneer Coal mine had been abandoned G. C. Richards and I. H. Wooley reorganized a new company and capitalized it at \$25,000. Very few of the old-timers who were pioneers in Currysville, are living at the present time.

John Martin recalls that the first interurban car carrying paid passengers into Sullivan, made the trip July 4, 1906.

INTERURBAN TIME TABLE



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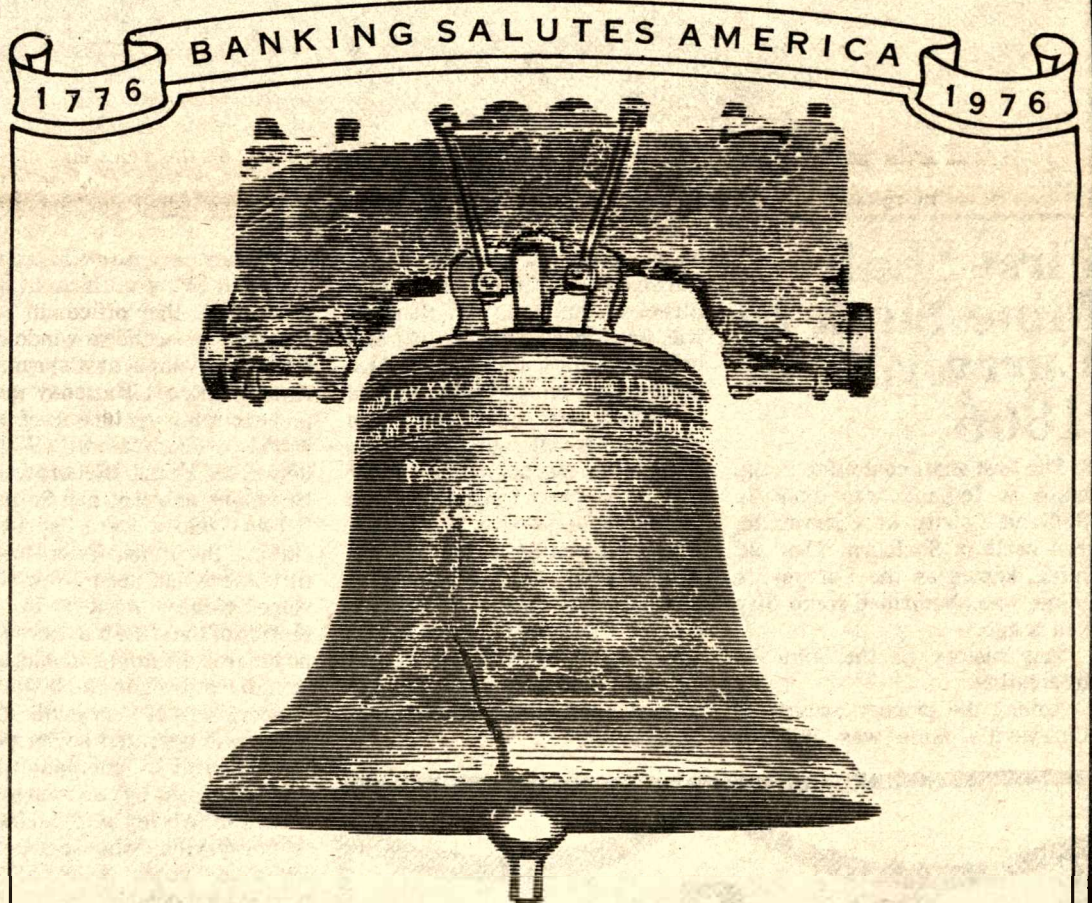
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STAR CITY COAL MINE ABOUT 1898



First Shaft Mine Sunk In Currysville In 1866

The first shaft coal mine in the state of Indiana was sunk in Sullivan County at Currysville, just north of Shelburn. That old mine, known as the Currysville mine, was abandoned some fifty years ago.

This history of the mine is interesting.

Among the pioneer owners of Currysville mine was William

Beswick, the father of Mrs. A. R. Ladson, now living on South State Street in Sullivan. Mr. Beswick was born in England in 1821 and came to America in 1849. He first settled in Pennsylvania, moved to Ohio a few years later, then migrated to Missouri, where he resided at the beginning of the Civil War. From there he moved to Illinois, and finally to Indiana, where he located in Currysville. At that time, 1866, the population of Currysville was between 150 and 200. The stopping point on the old E. and C. railroad was at that village. Shelburn was in existence, but trains stopped only at Currysville.

Beswick became affiliated with twelve men from Illinois and it was this group which was responsible for the sinking of that first shaft mine at Currysville. Among those associated in the pioneer mine venture were Paul Buckley, Hugh Moore, William Jefferson, Frank Richards, Jack Bradbury and Edward Smith.

Two years were spent in sinking the mine. Prior to that time there had been a few small slope mines worked in this section of the state but there were no other shaft mines in operation in Indiana prior to the beginning of operations at Currysville. This mine was operated seven years by the original company, then was taken over by two men by the names of Wooley and Richards, of Currysville, who operated it ten more years before it was finally abandoned.

Mr. Beswick remained active in the Currysville mine venture until 1876, when he moved to Sullivan, continuing in pioneer mining operations at the old Sullivan mine, which was located at the north edge of Sullivan. The old Sullivan mine was the fourth mine in Sullivan county and likewise one of the earliest shaft mines in the state.

The old Sullivan mine operated until October, 1878, when a gas explosion wrecked it, taking a toll of nine lives among the miners. All other workers were rescued. Among the survivors was Beswick, who was in the mine at the time of the blast and who aided in his own rescue by tying a rope around his body. He was hoisted to the top of the shaft and to safety by means of a windlass. The mine was operated a short time following the explosion, but on a very small scale.

After the disaster at the Sullivan mine, Beswick took up mining operations in Cass township at Dugger and at Farnsworth. He remained active in the pioneer coal mines of the county

until his death in 1893.

Terrence Ladson, of Sullivan, a grandson of Mr. Beswick, has in his possession the original surveyor's instrument that was used at the time the first shaft mine in Indiana was sunk and first operated. The instrument was said to have been used by a man named Williams, who was the only man in this part of the country at that time who knew how to use such an instrument.

Chronological Notes On Coal Industry

Jan. 25, 1866 - Apparatus is placed for sinking coal shaft at Currysville.

Aug. 19, 1874 - Prospecting shaft at Shelburn, sunk below coal K, was a failure, a vein of inferior soft coal 2 feet 1 inch thick being the prize of their labor.

Aug. 15, 1884 - Currysville Coal Co. of Sullivan County has been incorporated under the laws of the state, the purposes being to develop mining lands and utilize clay in the manufacture of brick. The capital stock, \$50,000, the incorporators being George C. Richardson, Isaac Woolley, M. B. Wilson, John C. Chaney, Henry Hafer.

Feb. 7, 1883 - Miners employed by the Shelburn Coal Co. at Sullivan and Shelburn are out on a strike. The price paid here has been \$1.06 a ton, at Shelburn 90 cents. On Feb. 1st price was reduced at Sullivan to 86 cents and 69 cents at Shelburn because the railroad refuses to pay over one dollar a ton; price has been \$1.25. The difference in price is caused by the difficulty of getting at the coal both here and at Shelburn.

Oct. 20, 1893 - The coal

company that has lately opened a mine at Star city have bought 2,400 acres of land in the vicinity. The railroad is building a track from Hardsville to the mine.

Feb. 7, 1893 - Jackson Hill Coal Co., or members of that company, who own land in all directions around Hardsville, are sinking another shaft at a point four miles west of Hardsville.

July 4, 1893 - A force of workmen have been put at work on the extension of the branch railroad to Hardsville, which will furnish an outlet for coal from the new mine being opened up near the King postoffice, where a town is being laid out to be called Star City. When completed (?) the line will make a loop from Farmersburg circling through Hymera, Hardsville and Star City, striking the main line again at Currysville. The coal business along the line of the I. & I. S. also being developed. A new mine has opened on the edge of Busseron bottom, another near Dugger, while the Hancock and Conkle mine is to be improved with new machinery.

Feb. 13, 1894 - The Jackson Hill mine at Hardsville was flooded on the 9th by the bursting of the reservoir used to furnish water for running the compressor. Over two hundred men were in the mine at the time, and alarmed by the roar of the water all started for the shaft. In order to reach it they had to cross the sump, in which the water had risen to within 18 inches of the roof. George Sargent, pit boss, took a position near the sump and remained standing in the water until he had seen the last man across.

Sept. 5, 1901 - Seven foot vein opened at depth of 300 feet at Jackson Hill No. 3, three miles west of Jackson Hill postoffice.

Jan. 8, 1903 - U.S. Steel Corp. is engaged in securing 2,000 acres between Farmersburg and Shel-

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Shelburn, An Energetic Community 1584 People

Town Owes Its Development To Mine Industry

An interesting town in the northern part of Sullivan County is Shelburn, located in Curry township. At the last census its population was numbered at 1548.

That Shelburn is a thriving business town is evidenced by the report that every house is now occupied. About 30 business places comprise the downtown district. These include several groceries, a general store, a drug store, three beauty shops, a ten-cent store, a movie, two ice houses, several garages, barber shops and cafes. Two attorneys, Charles W. Thompson and F. V. Willey, have offices there; and the physicians are Dr. J. H. Wrook and Dr. V. R. Lazo. McHugh and Son are the morticians.

Shelburn residents have excellent facilities for traveling. Situated on U.S. road 41, the town has access to the bus lines operating between Sullivan and Terre Haute, and the C. and E. I. railroad runs through it.

Government is by a town board, which comprises the following members: Sam H. Allison, president; H. V. Stark, Dr. J. H. Wrook, Lon Terrell and Walter E. Thompson. The latter member is clerk and treasurer and Charles Thompson is the town attorney. Claude German is town marshal.

A postoffice which is unusually attractive for a town of this size is located on the main street. Working from it are three rural carriers. Alfred Hill is postmaster.

Since Shelburn owes its development largely to the mining industry, it follows that most of the business interest about the town is centered on mining. The greater part of the men who are not employed downtown find employment in the mines surrounding the town. Many have worked at Jackson Hill Number 7, located about one and one-half miles east of town. Others are employed at Peerless and still others at Hamilton, both south-east of town. The railroad provides work for a few and the F.E.R.A. recently has sponsored some projects about Shelburn which have provided work for some. They have been improving streets, repairing sewers, and attending to other matters of civic interest.

Fraternally, Shelburn is well organized. The different orders not only provide a means for much social enjoyment, but accomplish much in the way of charity. There are Masons, Eastern Stars, Odd Fellows, J.O.U.A.M., Daughters of America, Betsy Ross Council and Rebekahs. Then there is American Legion Post 197 and its auxiliary.

For entertainment, Shelburn has a movie with up-to-date sound equipment. It is owned by O. M. Sebring. Each Saturday night during the summer months, the residents are entertained with a band concert. The band stand is moved on successive Saturdays to different locations

burn. The most serious obstacle now with operators is scarcity of miners.

Aug. 13, 1903 - Eleven mines are now under construction within a radius of seven miles north and east of Sullivan.

Feb. 23, 1905 - A Chicago syndicate has closed deal for 1,500 acres of land in Curry Township, northeast of Shelburn. Market for coal lands is now very dull, owing to the depressed condition of the coal trade.

in the business district. The merchants sponsor the concerts, which were directed by Orville Hall this summer.

A movement is on foot to sponsor the development of a park in Shelburn, but no definite plans have as yet been made. A grove has been selected tentatively as an ideal situation for the park.

Shelburn has seven substantial churches, which include the Baptist, of which Rev. Mr. Pyle is pastor; the Methodist, with Rev. U. V. Faris, pastor; Church of God, with Charles Stannifer, minister; Church of Christ, whose minister is Frank Adamson; Pilgrim Holiness, with Rev. Schull; the Catholic, with Father Bankowski and the Christian church. The Rev. Cortis conducts the weekly service at the latter.

The Wabash Valley Conservation club has an organization here. Its object is to stimulate interest in hunting, fishing, and preserving game. The tenth and twenty-fifth of each month are the meeting nights. A window downtown advertises the work of the club and displays some stuffed birds and other trophies.

Shelburn is up-to-date in every respect. It has electricity, many of its homes being equipped with electric refrigeration. The business houses present a good appearance, with attractive windows. There are a number of pretty homes on the residential streets, and the residents take pride in keeping their lawns and gardens attractive.

Memories Of Jackson Hill Number Four

Herschel E. Wence
I've worked within the coal mines some twenty years and more. And for the Jackson Hill folks I've worked at "Number Four". At several different jobs I worked, when demanded by condition. But most of the time that I was there, as just a plain electrician.

The men that I was working with were changing—well, quite often. Some went to other mines to work, a few went in the coffin. There's "Shorty" who was motorman in thirteenth west was killed. Then "Big Savvy" and "Lem" were called; their places soon were filled.

We paid to those who had passed on, the honors that we should. And then we had to buckle in—the mine was working good. The management was splendid from "Uncle Bill" on through. They worked real well together, each tried his part to do.

There's "Jim", was Superintendent, and Emmanuel, Pit Boss. They tried to keep things moving and avoid wrecks and loss. "Rias" was the Room Boss, "Bob" in the shop with me. And "Coy" also helping us, that made we shopmen three.

"Jack" then had one motor, and "Danny" had the other. "Jada" rode for "Danny", "Jack's" rider was his brother. The Fire Boss was Tom Davies, and Pearl, the Driver Boss. He aimed to keep the partings full and avoid waits and loss.

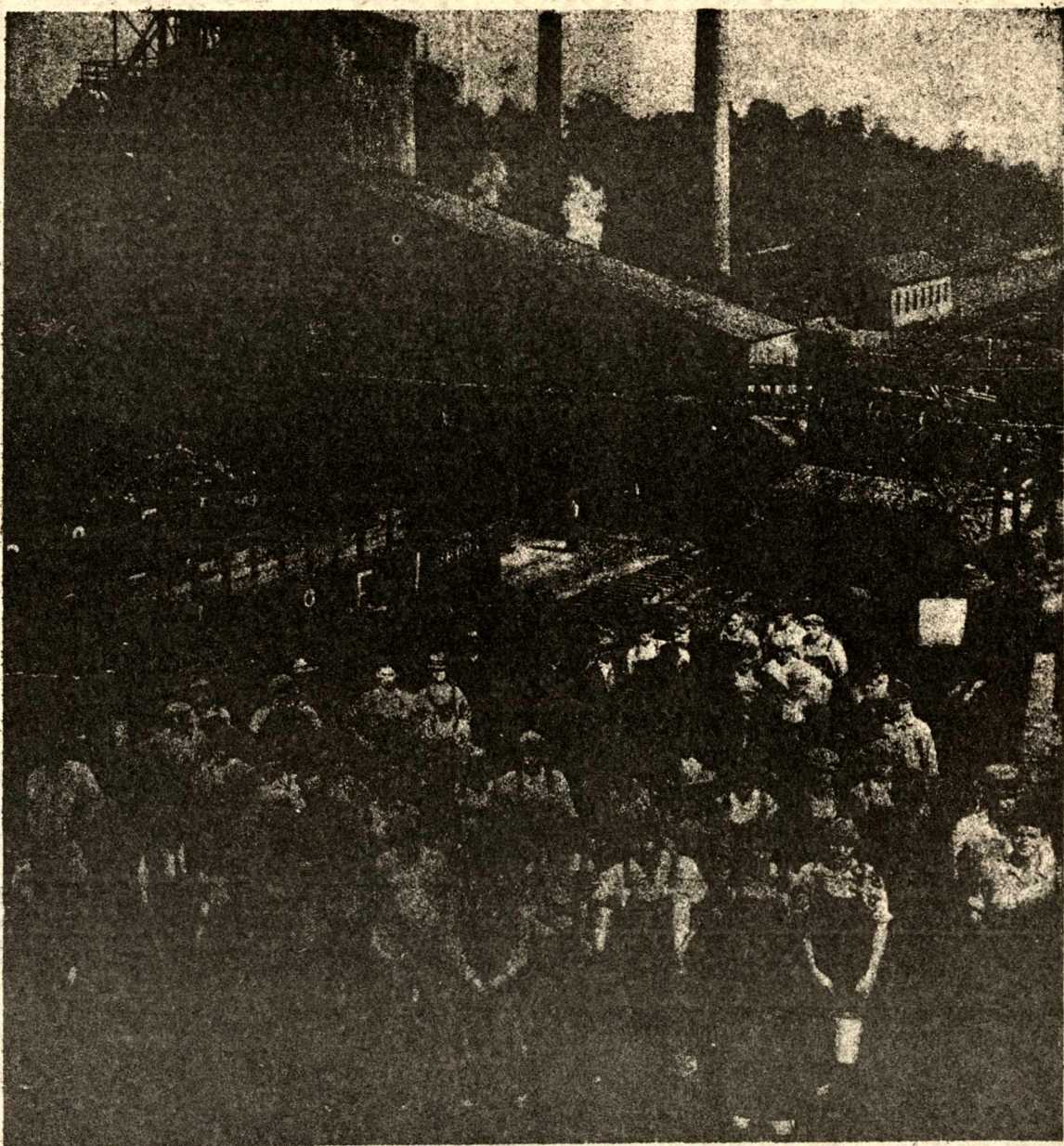
John Atkinson was Carpenter, the Blacksmith's name was "Ed". His Master since has called him, it's hard to think him dead. Bill Keifer had the pumps that handled all the water. The work was scattered quite a bit with little time to potter.

Sam Allison was Top Boss and Hooper, Engineer. When Will was at the throttle we had no cause for fear. But all of that is over, we folks are scattered wide. Some in far distant places, and just a few have died.

As I sit here a thinking of the days that have gone by I feel a wee bit lonely and I choke a little sigh. If I am ever privileged to stand on Heaven's shore, I hope to see some faces that I knew at "Number Four".

William E. Evans, General Manager
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Charles Lloyd Crushed By Fall Of Rock 1910

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Shortly after 1 o'clock Wednesday a fall of rock at Kettle Creek mine struck Charles Lloyd, who was engaged in loading coal. Medical aid was summoned as rapidly as possible and an examination showed the unfortunate man's legs were broken, the left one at the thigh and the right just above the ankle, and also probably injured internally, as he kept complaining constantly of the pain in his stomach. Physicians cared for the injured man and he was removed to his home, where he lingered until about 4:30, suffering much pain, but retaining consciousness until a few minutes before he died. Mrs. Lloyd had been in Terre Haute, when the accident happened and knew nothing about it until her return shortly after her husband's death.

Few, if any, of Shelburn's citizens in private life had a wider acquaintance or larger circle of friends than Charles Lloyd. Senator, as everyone familiarly called him, was one of Shelburn's oldest residents, having lived here since a baby, and was highly respected in the community.

Charles Sumner Lloyd was born in Middletown, Vigo county, Oct. 26, 1866, and was aged 44 years, 11 months and 7 days. When about five months old he removed to Shelburn with his parents and had been a resident of this place ever since. April 20, 1895 he was united in marriage to Miss Edith Ladson and to this union two children were born, a son, Byron, together with the bereaved wife, surviving.



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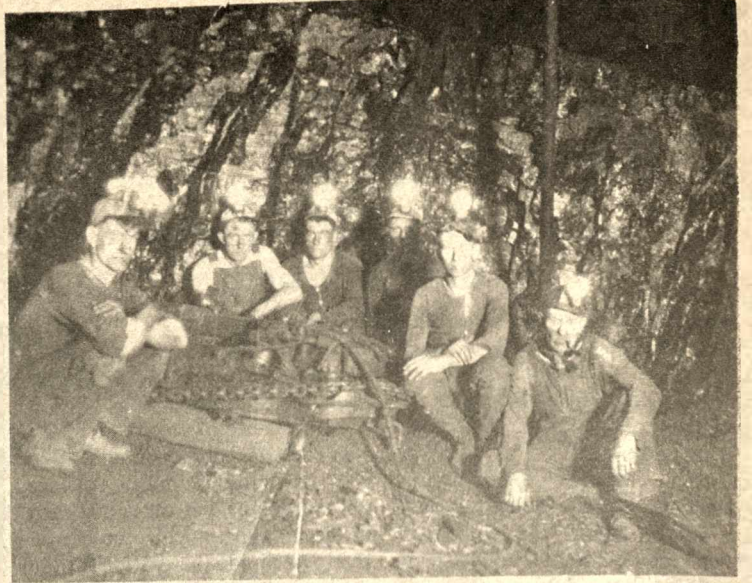
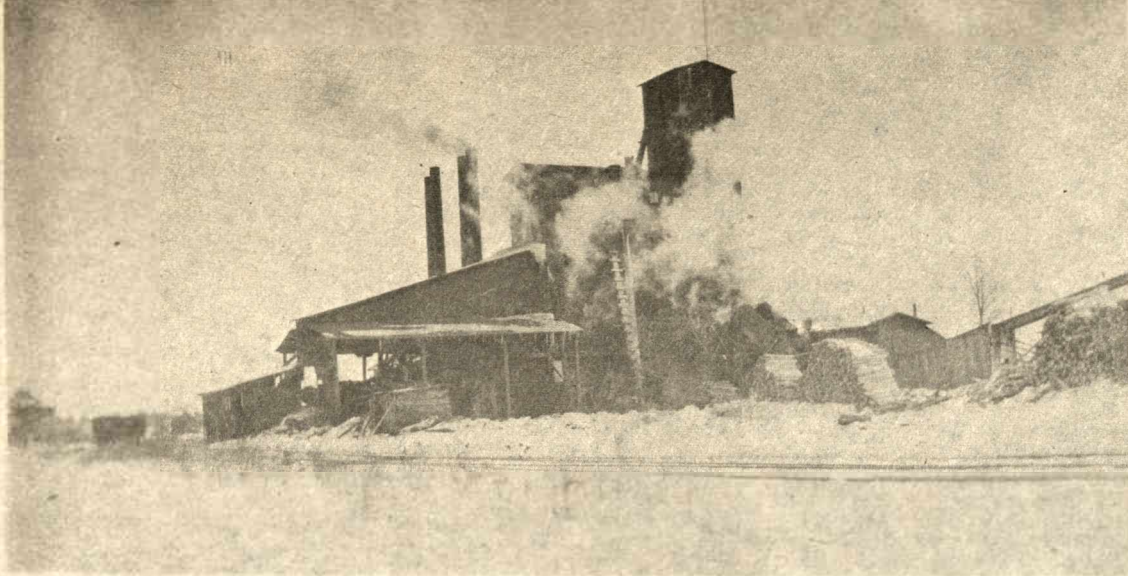
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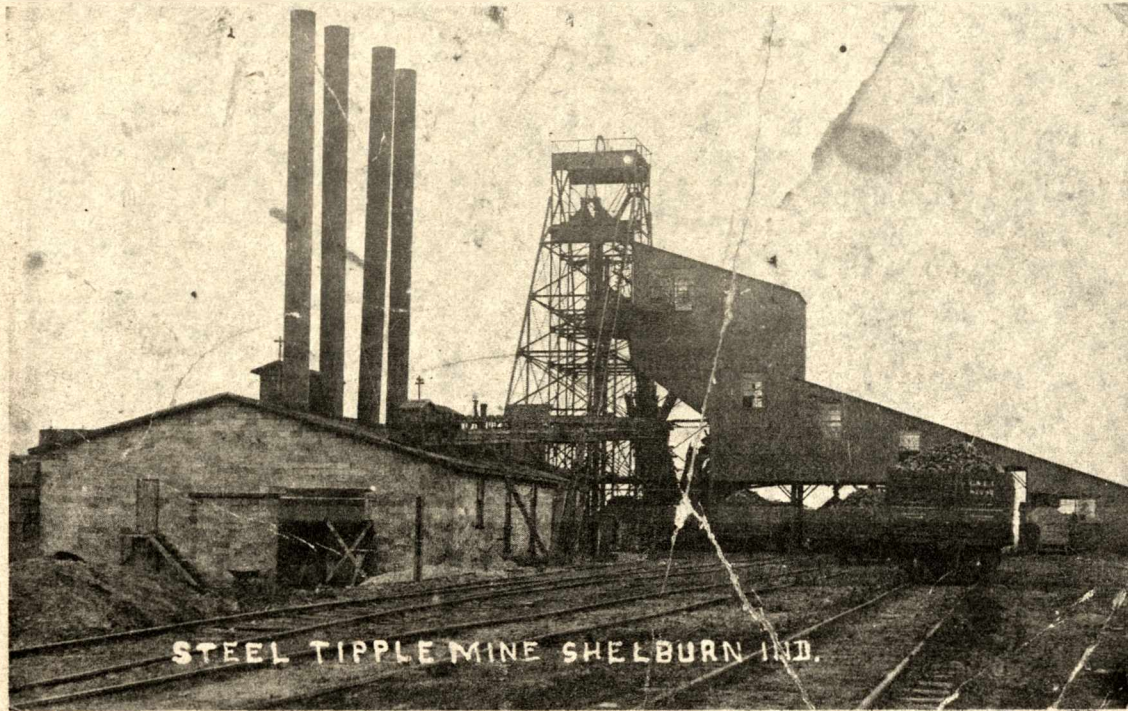
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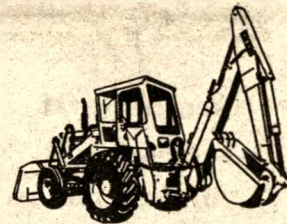
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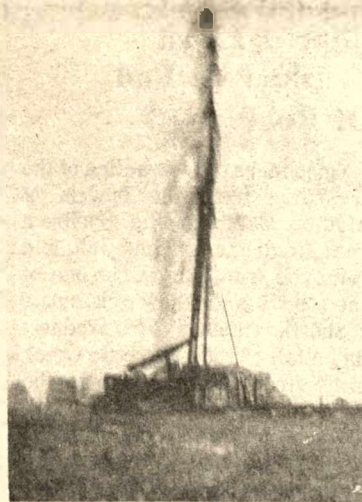


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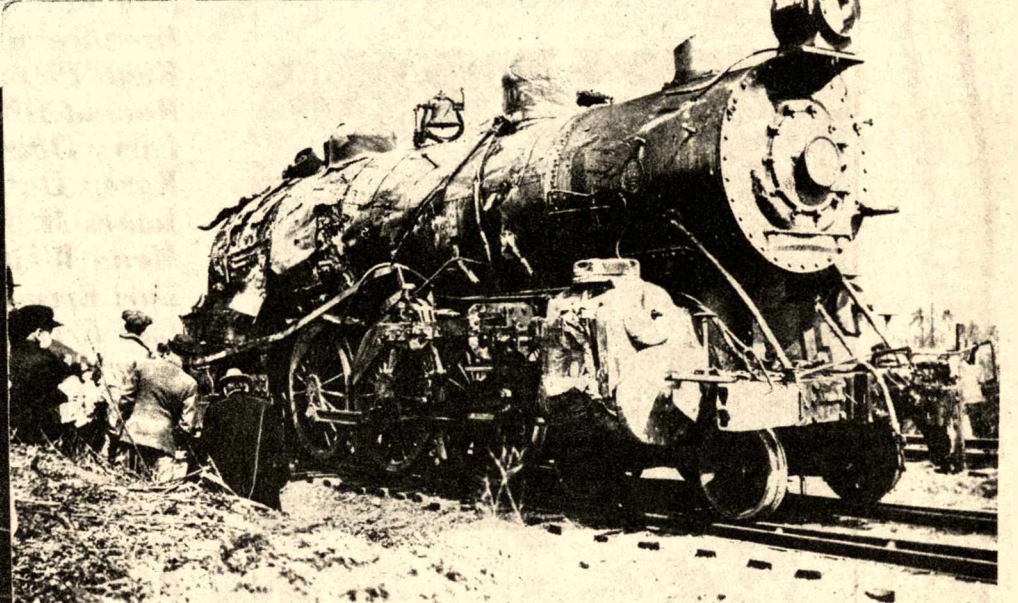
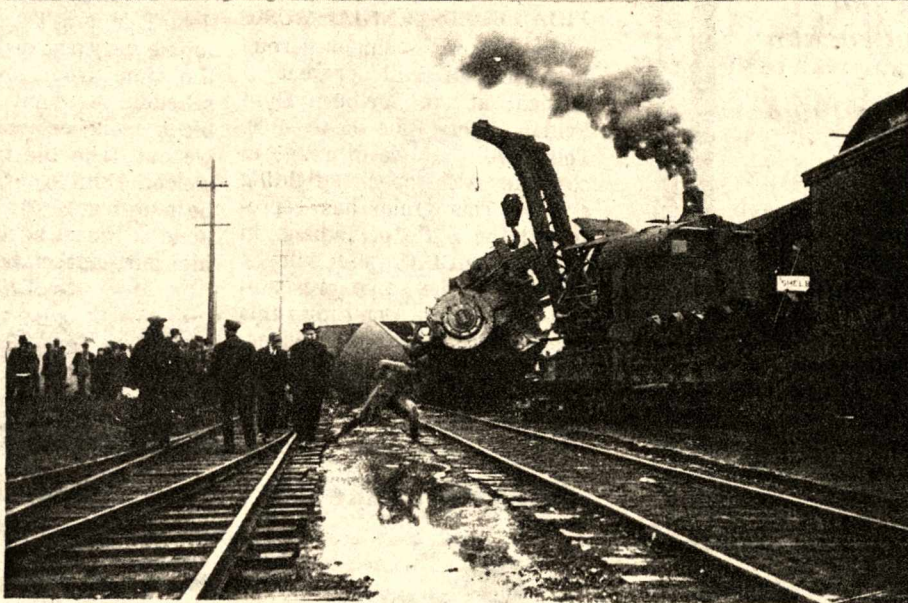
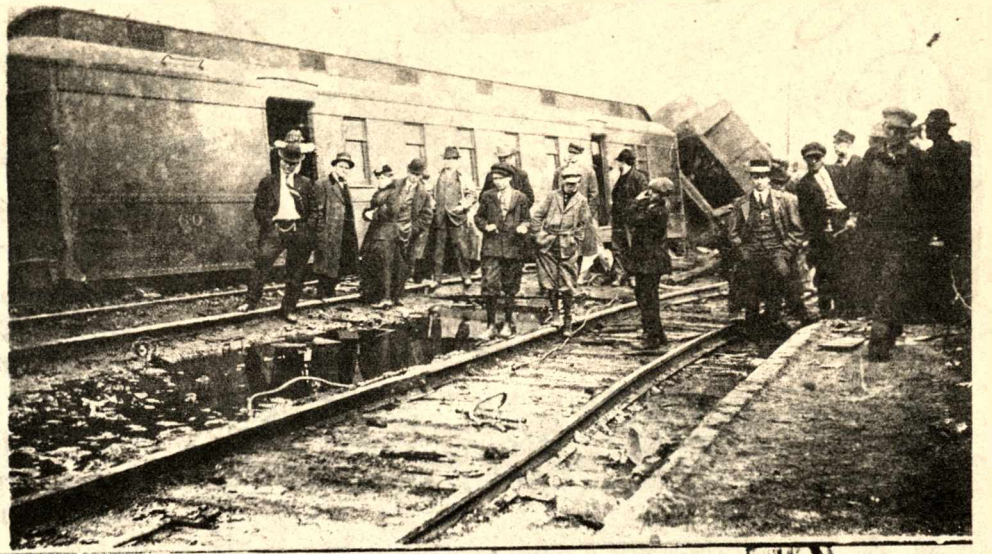
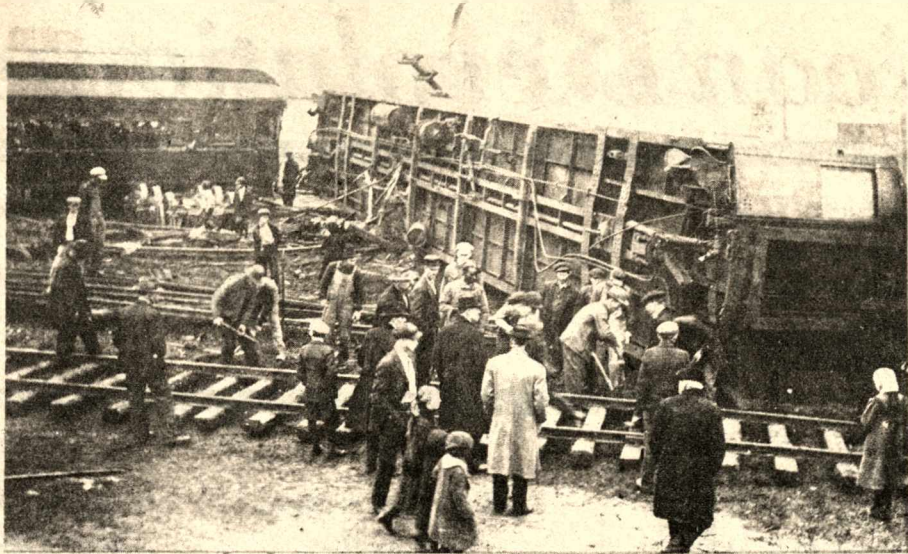
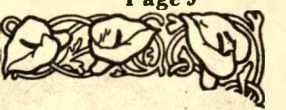
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jumped the track at the frog on the north side of Mill Street, Sunday morning March 14, 1915.

It is classed as one of the most remarkable wrecks in the history of the C. & E.I. from the fact that

notwithstanding that the train was running between 60 and 65 miles an hour, but one life was

lost, that of Charles (Smoky) Baldwin, the engineer.

First Shelburn High School Basketball Team



Harold Stevenson About 1910

T.H.L. & E.

Traction Line Is Disappearing Year-1938

Last summer the old interurban tracks were removed from the streets of Sullivan and the ties were converted into Boy Scout cabins and other similar buildings at the city park.

Now comes the removal of the old tracks from the corporate limits of Shelburn, to be replaced by a new highway which will extend entirely through the town north and south.

The work of removal of the tracks will be started this week on an F.E.R. project and will be rushed to completion.

The road improvement will start at the Little Flock cemetery and will run east to the interurban tracks in the south end of Shelburn. From there it will extend north to Curryville.

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Shelburn Pioneer Dies

Shelburn, Aug. 29, 1911

Uncle Billy Higdon, one of the oldest citizens of the county, and a pioneer of Curry township, who had resided in this vicinity for 81 years, died at his home here Wednesday morning after an extended illness with gangrene, at the age of 83 years. The funeral



Shelburn High School had a basketball team over 72 years ago.

The basketball team at Shelburn was one of the first in Sullivan county. So far as it is known the Shelburn basketball team was the first team organized in the county. Those on the

team were Harry (Acey) McCoskey, Paul Kidgway, Bert Kramer of California, Clevy H. Lloyd of Bloomington, Ind., and Mr. Charles Thompson of Shelburn. The coach was Amasa E. Pierce.

At this time basketball games were played in the old Red Mens Hall.

was held at 11:00 Friday morning at the Little Flock church, where interment was also had.

Mr. Higdon was born in Nelson county, Ky., Feb. 12, 1828. It was a coincidence in his life that he was born on the same day of the month as Abraham Lincoln, and he was always an ardent admirer of the Great Emancipator. It was his custom on his birthday anniversary to remark to his friends that two great men were born on that day, Abraham Lincoln and Billy Higdon.

Mr. Higdon's parents died in Kentucky when he was a baby, and he was reared by his uncle, Ollie Bridges, one of the early pioneers of this county, who drove an ox team from Kentucky in 1830, and settled on the farm now known as the Higdon place, just south of here.

Mr. Higdon grew to manhood on the farm; at the age of 16 he was married and continued to reside on this farm until a few

years ago when he moved here.

During Uncle Billy's early life, the towns of Shelburn and Sullivan had not been thought of and the business of the county was transacted in a log cabin at Merom, which was the county seat. In his later years, Mr. Higdon took pleasure in recalling incidents of the early days. He remembered distinctly the excitement that prevailed when it was proposed to move the county seat from Merom to a point near the center of the county, which was at first called Benton and later named Sullivan. When Mr. Higdon visited the new county seat for the first time it was a clearing in the thick and swampy woods. A short time afterward, Sanders M. Howard erected a log and frame building on the present site of the Sherman building, at the northwest corner of the square, and which rude buildings was used as a tavern or hotel. Soon after this Hugh Orr built a

No presentation of the history of Shelburn would be complete without a brief resume of the sports story at Shelburn. Sports has long been a part of the community life, and the successes and failures of its teams have influenced many lives. The early successes of the baseball teams in Shelburn is well known to many, with the Shelburn Grays being famous over a wide portion of the midwest in the late teens and early twenties. Games with the Cincinnati Reds and other major league teams were staged in the old ball park, pictures of which still exist. A good number of outstanding players from this area became professional players and left a mark for later athletes to shoot for. Later, several American Legion youth teams and independent teams represented Shelburn in fine fashion in the late thirties and forties. Up to this date, youth league teams represent Shelburn in several age groups. All of these boys and girls do a great job.

Shelburn won its first sectional in 1941, with this fine team being defeated by a great

Washington Hatchets team that won the State Tournament twice in a row. Later sectional titles came in 1947, 1948, and 1949, with an undefeated schedule in 1949. Athletes from Shelburn have also contributed greatly to the success of the old Wabash Valley Tournaments, winning several prelims during the forties and fifties. Shelburn was runner-up to Linton in 1946; and North Central was runner-up to Garfield in 1958.

In the minds of many, Shelburn's height of success in basketball came, however, in 1947, when they defeated Washington Catholic and Vincennes to win the Vincennes Regional; thus becoming one of only three teams in the history of Sullivan County basketball to play in the "Sweet Sixteen". Another fine Garfield team ended this team's season.

I'm sure many of you could add remarks about great Shelburn teams, including a fine girl's team that was about 35 years ahead of its time. But you get the idea. A part of our history is a tradition of playing your best; we've had a lot of fun and look forward to plenty more.

small log house which was used as a blacksmith shop. Shortly after this, Mr. Higdon, who was a brick mason, assisted in the erection of a brick house on North Court street known as the Higbee house which is still standing.

When Mr. Higdon was growing into manhood on his farm near here the privations and hardships of the people were many and severe. The nearest physician resided at Terre Haute and in case of sickness it was necessary to go horseback through the unsettled country for the doctor. Money was an exceedingly scarce commodity. Homespun stuff and farm products were hauled to Evansville with ox teams and there exchanged for merchandise. The massacre of Captain Morrison and his soldiers by the Indians occurred two years before Mr. Higdon came to this county with his uncle. He was acquainted with George Boone, the only one of Morrison's

soldiers to escape. Mr. Higdon was a man of the strictest business methods. He always preserved his tax receipts and the first one issued him was for 60 cents. One of the receipts he kept is signed by John S. Davis, as county treasurer, in 1847.

Mr. Higdon was a life long and consistent member of the Little Flock Baptist church. In politics, he was originally a whig and cast his first vote for Zachary Taylor for president in 1848. With the organization of the republican party, he voted for John C. Fremont for president in 1856 and continued to vote for all the presidential nominees of that party throughout his life.

Mr. Higdon leaves the following children: Ino C. Higdon of Sulphur Springs, Texas; Mrs. Cale Thompson, Mrs. Emma Martin and Mrs. George Downs of this county and Mrs. Lettie Miller of St. Louis. (Anora Thompson)

American Revolutionary Bicentennial Celebration



Folks of Shelburn
Community in 1976

Kevin Moses
Jeanne Wilson
Alex M. Wilson
Jean Wilson
Ruth McCracken
Francis McCracken
Bob McCracken
Bob McCrocklin
Brentice McCrocklin
Keith Pierce
Ronald Hitchmough
Larry Dale
Karen Dale
James M. White
Mona White
Lori Ervin
Lisa Ervin
Larry McCracken, Jr.
Pamela McCracken
Shawn F. McCracken
Teresa Moses
Paul Drake
Clara Drake
Ruth Allison
Joy Wooley
Herbert Wooley
Col. R. Wayne Capps
Nancy Jane Capps
Daniel Wayne Capps
Mark D'Wayne Capps
Michael Wayne Capps
Stella Gill
Ruth Bradbury
Don Lee
Johncy Lee
Gretchen Lee
Jennifer Lee
Dean Lee
Eldon Dunford
Betty Dunford
Caroline Burns
Herbert L. Kimmell
Sandra K. Kimmell
Robert Lee Kimmell
Joyce Ann Kimmell
Opal Elliott
Earl Eugene Elliott
Diana Elliott
Jack P. Taylor
Edna L. Taylor
Orville Turner
Dolores Turner
Ruth Bradbury
William Norris Sr.
Ginny Marie Norris
Sherrill Thompson
Betty Thompson
Vera Spinks
Robert D. Trowbridge
Michael Trowbridge
Angel Lucas
Ethel Howard
Jada Lucas
Ed Outcalt
Pauline Outcalt
Ty Outcalt
Todd Outcalt
Laura Sue Runyan
Joe Jones
Lillian Jones



Thank You To The Bicentennial Committee

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Don Lee	Pauline Outcalt
Ed Outcalt	Eldon Dunford
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Gerald Poehlein	Ruth Poehlein



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Shelburn, Indiana
JUNE 25, 26, 27, 1976

Friday, June 25
8:00 P.M.

TRIAD BICENTENNIAL MUSIC
The Triads, a singing group from Linton will present a musical at the Shelburn Gym Friday night, June 25 at 8:00. They will be performing in costume with special lighting effects. This group has represented the State of Indiana in Washington, D.C. and will be performing the same presentation in Shelburn. Don't miss this talented group and their bicentennial program. A donation will be collected after the program, so you can't lose.

Saturday, June 26



10:00 A.M.

PIE BAKING CONTEST
Pie baking contest for anyone and everyone from anywhere! Get your pie baking utensils out and show what a good baker you really are. (People still do bake their own pies now days and let's prove it.) Even a few men can cook a little, let's give the ladies a little competition and see if we can win a few! Judging will be on taste, texture, and appearance, with a WTHI and WTWO personalities; Frances Barden, Public Service; and Neoma Bartley, Home Economics teacher at Dugger as the judges. The categories are apple, cherry and peach. The entries must be in by 9:45 a.m. Saturday, June 26. Join in or just come and cheer for your favorite entry, but don't miss out on all the fun. Be there!

10:00 A.M.

BIG WHEEL RACE
Big Wheel race for the little wheels' fun. Join in the fun and enter your child in the first race ever of Shelburn, Indiana. Trophies will be presented to the winners and even a big glass of milk just like the "500" winners. You won't want to miss this event and watch the kids have a great time too! The first race will be 5 & 6 year olds, with the second race featuring 7 & 8 year olds.

10:30 A.M.

JOHN T. MYERS
John T. Myers-The Congressman for our very own district is taking the time from his very busy schedule to come join in our bicentennial celebration. Surely, we can take the time to come welcome him to our town. He will be in town at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 26. Please be there and show him our appreciation.



11:00 A.M.

MR. AND MRS. BICENTENNIAL AWARDED
Mr. and Mrs. Bicentennial will be awarded a silver bicentennial medallion for being the oldest (Combined ages) couple in Shelburn. Also the oldest man and the oldest lady will be presented an award. Help us show the senior citizens how much we appreciate having them participate in the bicentennial celebration. (Without them where would we be?)

11:30 A.M.

BEARD CONTEST
If you think you have seen a lot of strange faces around Shelburn lately, maybe you really haven't, but it's really someone you know hidden by all that hair! Come find out Saturday, June 26, at 11:30 when the beard contest begins. You may be surprised! Prizes will be awarded the most "low down" beard, best overall beard, biggest mustache, and best overall mustache. Anyone may enter with a \$1.00 entry fee to help pay for the prizes. If you don't have any of that fuzzy stuff on your face, you may get arrested if you don't have a clean shave permit! We might even have a big shaving contest afterward, if we can talk the fellows into it. Ha! Ha!



1:00 P.M.

OLD FASHIONED STYLE SHOW
Everyone has been hard at work making their dresses, etc. for the celebration. There will be lots of pretty dresses, along with a few funny costumes seen around here

during the celebration. If you would like to see most of these, come to the style show and find out who made what! It should prove to be a very interesting and attractive show. There are really a lot of talented seamstresses here in Shelburn.

3:00 P.M.

PARADE
This is planned to be the biggest parade ever in Shelburn, with more and more entries all the time. There will be bands, floats, "pretty girls", and lots of bicentennial and old fashioned entries. Line-up will be at 2:30 with the parade starting at 3:00. Don't miss this once in a lifetime event! We plan to surprise a lot of people with this big parade.

4:30 P.M.

LOCAL TALENT CONTEST
This contest is open to any and everyone regardless of age. Anyone wishing to enter may call 397-2149 to enter this contest. Prizes will be awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

5:00 P.M.

DANCE REVIEW
Donna Kellams Dance Studio will be presenting a dance review with children from 4 to 15 years old. This should be very entertaining for everyone to watch. With children, anything can happen!

6:00 P.M.

ALLELUIAS
This is a gospel singing group from Sullivan, Indiana. They are a very popular and talented group of young people singing good gospel music.



7:00 P.M.

GOD'S CHILDREN
The group is from Dugger, Indiana and sing gospel music also. They are a very good group and will be good entertainment.

8:00 P.M.

SULLIVAN COUNTY OPRY
Come join the old fashioned fun and good ole ho-down music. If you can't square dance, come and we'll learn together, right or wrong, but we'll have a good time trying. (That's what makes it fun) The Opry have played for a lot of people and organizations. They have really done a great job and we really appreciate having them play for us. Don't sit back and miss the fun, come and have a day to remember for a long time to come.



Sunday, June 27



10:45 A.M.

SUNDAY MORNING COMMUNITY OUTDOOR SERVICE
What better time to come together than to a church service. There will be congregational singing, along with special numbers from all the churches. Bill Monroe will be the speaker giving the message for the day. Come join our service altogether.

2:00 P.M.

GOSPEL SING
The gospel sing will be from 2:00 to 4:00 with people from all different churches participating. Also, the Good News Group will be singing their gospel songs.

4:00 P.M.

GAMES & CONTESTS
There will be a contest of old fashioned dress with everyone wanting to enter. Any type dress or costume may enter at any age. Prizes for the prettiest, funniest, and most original will be presented. There will be a tug of war, greasy pole climb, which should be a riot to watch and enter, log sawing (let's show your muscles men) and several other games to numerous to mention. Don't miss this fun-filled, old-fashioned weekend with lots and lots of good food of all kinds.

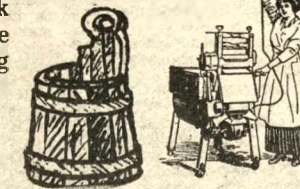


WANTED
Needed- Someone to call square dance at Shelburn Bicentennial, June 26, Saturday at 8:00. Call 397-2149.

Needed- Anyone to help put up Bicentennial decorations and make poster signs for Shelburn, Sat., June 12. We will meet at the Senior Citizen Building at 10:00 a.m.

Notice- There will be a clean-up day for Shelburn, Saturday, June 19. Meet at the community building at 10:00 a.m. Now is your chance to get involved and help your community become a better one.

ATTENTION: Veterans of Shelburn, Indiana are invited to participate in the Bicentennial parade June 26. Transportation will be provided. Please call 397-2465 if you will be able to attend. We don't want to miss anyone, and would appreciate your participation.



Picture showing part of the remains of old Currysville Store.

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The Most Hustling Business Center In Sullivan Co.

JANUARY 1911

Bound to Become the Greatest Coal Center in the Middle West—Our Business Interests Many and Controlled by Progressive and Up-to-Date Men.

Have you ever stopped to consider how well Shelburn is represented along business lines? We don't suppose many of our readers, no matter how well they know the business men individually, could enumerate the different business houses without considerable trouble. Shelburn has long enjoyed the distinction among traveling men, wholesalers and jobbers of having the most progressive set of business men and of being the greatest distributing center between Terre Haute and Vincennes. This bustling little mart of trade is yet in its infancy of development and in the near future, when our coal resources are more fully developed, we will grow by leaps and bounds, and those familiar with the outlook predict that we will be the metropolis of Sullivan county within the next five years. The business men carry full and complete lines of goods for their patrons and always aim to give their customers the best the market affords. Below we publish a list of the representative business men and the line of wares they have to offer to the public, a perusal of which will prove interesting and beneficial, and The Enterprise takes pride in presenting to the citizens of Shelburn such an imposing array of progressive and up-to-date business firms:

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

The First National Bank of Shelburn is one of the strongest and most reliable financial institutions of Sullivan county and it has met with uninterrupted success from its first business inception, which is owing in a great measure to its very conservative management. The bank has a capital stock of \$25,000 with Mr. F. J. First, cashier, together with Mr. H. V. Stark, Mr. C. B. Bolinger and Mr. J. F. Bolinger, who go to make up the officers and directors. A general commercial banking business is transacted—insurance written, collections made, and its depositors are amply protected by the burglar insurance.

STARK'S DRUG STORE

Mr. H. V. Stark's model drug store is thoroughly up-to-date and the stock carried by this gentleman, who is vice-president of the First National Bank, comprises nearly anything and everything for sale in a strictly first-class and well regulated pharmacy, including pure, fresh drugs and chemicals, herbs, extracts, essences, tinctures, the most fragrant perfumes, stationery and school supplies, toilet and fancy articles, post cards, cigars, candies; also Pratt's famous remedies, and the celebrated International stock food; Eastman kodaks and Brownie cameras, paint, and wall paper of the burglar insurance.

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C. B. BOLINGER & CO., Groceries

In a business write-up of the principal enterprises of Shelburn we herein desire to call public attention to the neat, attractive and systematically arranged grocery store with meat market in connection so ably conducted by Mr. C. B. Bolinger & Co., of which Mr. J. E. Nicolson, who is fully up to the times in mercantile ethics, is the company and active manager. They carry an excellent line of absolutely pure, fresh groceries, canned goods, teas and coffees, sugar and molasses, pure, aromatic spices, condiments, garden and orchard productions and country produce, all in excellent assortment and great variety. Also the choicest of fresh and cured meats, fish and oysters in season, and they pay the highest market prices for hides, pelts, butter eggs, poultry and country produce.

FOX & BREWER, Undertakers
In a business review of this nature we desire to call the public's attention to the exclusive undertakers, licensed embalmers and funeral directors whose names appear above this brief sketch, those of Messrs. Fox & Brewer. These gentlemen carry an elegant line of caskets, coffins, shrouds, slippers, handsome mountings and undertakers' supplies in general, and they have a private ambulance and excellent auto service for making long calls. Messrs. Fox & Brewer make a specialty of undertaking and embalming and to the direction of funerals and burials, and the utmost confidence can be reposed in the kind and considerate attention given to the last sad rites of the dead.

GROCERY AND MEAT MARKET
To make a special mention of the Bon Ton Grocery and Meat Market so ably presided over by Messrs. J. H. Hill & Son, who recently removed to the Brewer block, first door south of the postoffice. These gentlemen carry an absolutely fresh and pure line of high grade goods, including the choicest and best staple and fancy groceries, canned goods, garden and orchard productions, dried and fresh fruits, confections, tobaccos, cigars, best brands of farm and country produce. Also the choicest of both fresh and cured meats, including the sweetest hams, juiciest roasts, tenderest meats, bacon, lard, sausages, sash, doors, blinds, mouldings, lime, cement, plaster, paints, roofing and building material in general, and as Mr. P. T. Lloyd & Sons are fully conversant with every detail of the lumber business, their figures will be found right.

MODEL CLOTHING CO.
In the compilation of a business write-up of the principal enterprises of Shelburn we herein desire to call the public's attention to the Model Clothing House so ably presided over by Mr. Harry Bannister. The establishment is strictly first-class in all its appointments and the large and well selected stock comprises an up-to-date line of men's, youths', boys' and children's fashionable ready-to-wear clothing, gents' fine furnishings, hats and caps, plain and fancy dress shirts, stylish neckwear, line and heavy overcoats. Mr. Bannister is the foremost architect and contractor of the city and he is prepared to furnish plans, details and specifications for all kinds of buildings.

W. T. MARTS, Blacksmith
The above named gentleman, who is widely and favorably known throughout this district has decided to conduct his well equipped blacksmith shop on a strictly cash basis during the present year. Mr. Marts stands in the front rank of his trade, and he is prepared at all times to attend promptly to general blacksmithing in all its multifarious branches and to the professional shoeing of horses afflicted with corns, contractions, overreaching or forging, quarter cracks and badly adjusted shoes and perfect satisfaction is guaranteed.

N. O. ROBBINS & CO.
We herein desire to call the public's attention to the thoroughly up-to-date "One Price House" so ably presided over by Messrs. N. O. Robbins & Co., the tailors, clothiers, hatters and gents' furnishers. The large and well arranged establishment is filled to repletion with a full and complete line of men's fashionable tailor-made clothing, plain and fancy dress shirts, silk and linen handkerchiefs, nobby neckwear, scarfs, and gentlemen's haberdashery in general, including fine union-made footwear, and as this responsible firm is up to the times in business ethics, they are thus enabled to meet all competition. These gentlemen are prepared to attend promptly to repairing, cleaning and pressing clothing in the best possible manner and their charges will be found reasonable.

McHUGH & PADGETT
We desire to call the public's attention to the up-to-date furniture and undertaking establishment conducted by Mr. James W. McHugh, an experienced funeral director, and Mr. Claude A. Padgett, who has held embalming license since 1903. The furniture department, of which Mr. Lowell A. Dix is the head salesman, is fully stocked with an elegant line of rich parlor, chamber and dining room furniture, chiffoniers, davenports, linoleums, rugs and everything in the house furnishing line. The new building which they are soon to occupy on the east side of the railroad, will contain a casket room, which can be converted into a chapel for the use of funerals, as they will have a private morgue in connection. They carry in stock a large line of caskets ranging in price from \$5.00 to \$500.00; also burial dresses, suits, robes, etc., and they have a licensed lady embalmer in attendance.

BOLINGER'S DEPARTMENT STORE
It is with possible pride that we call the public's attention to the Department store so ably presided over by Mr. Lon Bolinger. This gentleman is fully up to the times in mercantile ethics and his stock is very diversified consisting of many useful and beautiful articles, including an elegant array of china, queensware, crockery, glistening glassware, table and pocket cutlery, tinware, hardware, fancy goods, hosiery,

gents' and ladies' furnishings, ribbons, odd bits of bric-a-brac and racket goods in general, and this gentleman is ever alive to the best interests of his large corps of patrons.

THE BOYS' CLOTHING PARLORS
The Boys' Clothing Parlors, Shelburn's new temple of fashion of men which is centrally and advantageously located in the Lovelace Block opposite the postoffice. This fashionable rendezvous is conducted by Messrs. R. E. Nash & Co., and their spring stock of both foreign and domestic woollens comprises the largest and most up-to-date line ever brought to the city heretofore, and all orders taken by these gentlemen are guaranteed to give the best of satisfaction. These gentlemen will also make a special feature of repairing, cleaning and pressing in the best possible manner, and their prices will be found right.

LAURENT & THOMPSON, Lawyers
The above named gentlemen take rank among the most influential legal lights of Sullivan county, and as attorneys-at-law they are now very prominent in the limelight of their learned profession. In addition to practicing in all courts, these gentlemen are actively engaged in real estate, loan and investment business, as they make a special feature of renting property and collecting for non-residents, writing insurance policies, surety bonds, abstracts of title and notarial work. These gentlemen have the most up-to-date law library between Sullivan and Terre Haute, and their patrons and friends have a standing invitation to call and see them at any time. Careful and prompt attention is guaranteed for all business entrusted to them.

BOLINGER BROS. TRANSFER CO.
The Bolinger Bros. Transfer Co. is the best equipped concern of its kind in Sullivan county, and is justly deserving of great commendation at our hands. These gentlemen have several large drays, moving van transfer wagons and in addition to their well established drays, express and transfer business, they are prepared to attend promptly to all kinds of hauling, moving pianos and household effects. Only careful and competent men are employed and perfect satisfaction is guaranteed. Their headquarters is at the Oak Hall Pharmacy. Use both phones.

O. L. RUSSELL, Groceries and Meats
The popular family grocery store with meat market in connection, so ably conducted by Mr. O. L. Russell, has been greatly engrossed for the prompt and successful prosecution of his large and extended trade. The enterprising gentleman carries an absolutely fresh and pure line of both staple and fancy groceries, cured and fresh meats, fresh oysters and fish in their season besides the famous Ideal Baking Co.'s breadstuffs daily. Mr. Russell also pays the highest market prices for hides, pelts, butter, eggs, poultry, etc., and is the leading buyer of hogs, sheep, veal and cattle.

J. L. WARDEN, Groceries and Fruits
In the compilation of a general business write-up of the principal enterprises of Shelburn, we herein desire to call the public's attention to the thoroughly up-to-date grocery house above named, of which Mr. Mart Able is the resident manager. The large and well arranged store is centrally and advantageously located west of the interurban station, and the stock comprises an excellent line of both staple and fancy groceries, canned goods, garden and orchard productions, the largest and finest line of both foreign and domestic fruits to be found in the city.

FORD & HARDING
The big double store so ably presided over by Messrs. Ford & Harding stands second to none in point of stock in Shelburn. These gentlemen carry an immense line of dry goods, gents' and ladies' furnishings, boots and shoes, choice staple and fancy groceries, dried and fresh fruits, and one of the largest and most complete stocks of fine china-ware, glistening glassware and notions in Sullivan county, and they pay the highest market prices for poultry, butter and eggs, and make large shipments to the leading markets of the United States. Every courtesy is extended to their patrons and deliveries are promptly made to all parts of the city.

GEORGE JOHNS' Tonsorial Parlor
Mr. George Johns, whose palatial tonsorial parlor is located two doors east of the First National Bank, is conceded to be an expert manipulator with both the shears and razor, and he makes a specialty of fashionable hair cutting, shampooing, face massage, and easy shaving in the highest style of the art of tonsorialism. The shop is well equipped with four of the latest and most improved revolving and reclining barber chairs, keen razors, clean towels and chair toilet articles, all of which unite in giving him a very large patronage by residents of Shelburn and vicinity. A well equipped bath room, the only one in town, is also operated in connection.

W. A. FORDYCE, Able and Efficient Postmaster of Shelburn
In the compilation of a general write-up of the principal business men and most influential citizens of Shelburn we take pardonable pride in calling the public's attention to its able and efficient postmaster, that of Mr. W. A. Fordyce, who is now serving his fourth term. This gentleman is an old time railroad man, having held the post here as agent for the E. & T. H. prior to his postoffice appointment, and while in the service of the railroad company, he was held in the highest esteem and respect of the community at large; and since taking charge of the Shelburn postoffice he has made hosts of friends and acquaintances and is widely and favorably known for his many sterling qualities and his high personal worth to the public.

THE ELITE RESTAURANT
In a review of this nature we take pardonable pride in calling attention to the Elite Restaurant, of which A. W. Lane is the genial proprietor. He is an accomplished chef-de-cuisine and is in the enjoyment of a most excellent corps of patrons. This gentleman serves in a most appealing and unsparing manner short orders, lunches, oysters and famous genuine Mexican and Chili soups, and a tempting line of confections, fruits, nuts, cigars, tobaccos, smokers' articles and all speak in the very highest terms of praise of the treatment he accords.

WELLS The Photographer
The artistic photographer who is named above has had a long and valuable experience in his chosen profession. The fine work turned out at his gallery comprises everything in the photographic art, from the locket miniature to the life sized portrait or imperial cabinet, including residences and rural photography. His portraits all have a true, semi-transparent and life-like expression and softness of tone which has placed Mr. W. A. Wells pre-eminent in the front rank of the art. His prices for the finest work are reasonable.

JAMES LANE, Popular East Side Barber
The gentleman whose name forms the subject of this brief sketch is the popular east side barber, who bears the distinction of standing without a peer in the art of tonsorialism and employs only experienced artists. This sanitary barber shop is amply provided with three modern hydraulic chairs of the latest pattern, toilet articles and all the necessary paraphernalia for efficient, prompt and satisfactory work. By his untiring courtesy and satisfactory work, Mr. Lane has made hosts of warm friends.

BOLINGER & ROBBINS, P. T. LLOYD & SONS
These gentlemen take rank among the leading and most influential wholesale and retail dealers in coal, flour and feed, not only of Shelburn but Sullivan county as well, and they handle the best grades of lump coal and all orders are promptly delivered to all parts of the city in the most satisfactory manner. They also deal in hay, barrels, salt, baling wire, roofing paper, and their prices are noted for their reasonableness, while at the same time they guarantee perfect satisfaction.

PEARL HIRSCHFELD'S ARCADE CAFE
The highly popular gentleman whose name forms the subject of this brief sketch is the enterprising proprietor of the Arcade Cafe and Chili parlor, and he is justly deserving of a special mention in our business review of the city. This gentleman serves lunch, the genuine Mexican Chili soup, sandwiches, etc., at all times both day and night, in a most palatable manner. He also carries a choice line of tobaccos and cigars and serves delicious ice cream in summer.

CHAS. TURNER, Livestockman
Mr. Chas. Turner is the representative livestockman of Shelburn, and his large and well equipped livery and feed barn has ample stall room for a large number of the equine family, and as Mr. Turner is conceded to be an excellent judge of the noble animal he is fully competent in knowing how to take the best of care of them. This gentleman has many good turn-outs and first class roadsters for making lively time on the road, and a specialty is made of the traveling public by whom he is well patronized.

JOHN CUMMINGS
Mr. John Cummings' popular pool hall is well equipped with three modern pool tables and all the necessary paraphernalia for those who delight in the twirling of the cue. Mr. Cummings also carries an excellent line of cigars, tobaccos and smokers' articles. Mr. Cummings is a genial, whole-souled fellow well met and enjoys a fine patronage.

THE SHELBURO STORE
In all the wide range of mercantile pursuits carried on in the town the big brick Shelburn Store conducted by Mr. D. J. Bailey, the live and influential real estate man, stands pre-eminently in the front rank of trade and is deserving of a special notice in a general description and business write-up of this nature. The spacious salesroom is 50x120 feet in dimension, is filled to repletion with an immense line of dry and fancy goods, hosiery, novelties and notions, men's work clothing and miners' supplies, queens-ware, and both staple and fancy groceries.

FRANKS & PIERCE, Feed Store
In the compilation of a general description and business write-up of the principal enterprises of Shelburn we herein desire to call the public's attention to its representatives in the above line of trade, Mr. Dan A. Franks and Mr. Harvey Pierce. This feed store and large hay barn is located on the east side, and these gentlemen carry a large stock of flour, including the famous Occident, Big Domino and Superior brands which are conceded by both the baker and housewife to have no superior on the market. Also grain, hay, seeds, chop and feedstuffs in general, and they enjoy an extended trade and do a large exchange business with the farmers.

J. T. GASKINS & SON
The eminently popular and wide awake firm above mentioned carry an excellent line of general merchandise comprising dry and fancy goods, hosiery, novelties and notions, dress fabrics in all the latest shades, weaves and patterns; men's work clothes, overalls and jackets, gloves, boots and shoes, choice staple and fancy groceries, etc., flour, etc. Also a well selected line of the famous Diamond Edge

tools and cutlery, queensware, all in excellent assortment and great variety, and their motto is "Live and let live."

HENRY DICKEY, Pioneer Blacksmith
Squire Henry Dickey has been actively engaged in the blacksmithing business for nearly fifty years, and his father before him was an expert artisan. In addition to general blacksmithing, forging, plow, disc, wood and wagon work in general, Squire Dickey makes a specialty of practical horseshoeing on scientific principles, and as he has made a thorough study of the delicate anatomy of horses' feet, horses shod by this gentleman, especially those afflicted with diseased feet, are set to rights, so they may become serviceable to their owners.

OAK HALL PHARMACY
The elegantly appointed Oak Hall Pharmacy, so ably presided over by Mr. Os Calvert is headquarters for an excellent line of chemically pure, fresh drugs, patent and proprietary medicines of acknowledged merit and standard reputation and all pharmaceutical preparations. Also perfumes, hair and tooth brushes, combs, elegant and fancy toilet articles, post cards, school stationery and supplies, writing paraphernalia, and a tempting line of bonbons, chocolate creams, tobaccos and cigars, smoking articles, etc., and a specialty is made of compounding physicians' prescriptions and family recipes with accuracy and dispatch and perfect satisfaction is guaranteed.

OS CALVERT, Barber
The neat, attractive and well arranged tonsorial parlor so ably presided over by Mr. Os Calvert is centrally and advantageously located on West Railroad Street. This gentleman has been in business since 1904. He employs only the best experienced workmen and a specialty is made of both ladies' and gentlemen's up-to-date hair cutting in any style, face massage, singeing, shampooing, etc. Mr. Calvert conducts a large barber shop, which is amply provided with all the latest paraphernalia known to the trade.

NICHOLSON BROS.
The large and well arranged hardware store conducted by the Nicholson Brothers is justly deserving of a special mention herein. These gentlemen carry the best grade of both heavy and shell hardware; mechanics', carpenters' and builders' tools, edge tools; cutlery of the most celebrated makes, the renowned Florence hot blast heaters, the famous Majestic ranges, the Remington guns, ammunition, tinware, iron, steel, nails, and the favorably known original Haydock vehicles which are conceded to have no superior on the market. These gentlemen are fully conversant with all in its manifold forms and they defy any and all competition.

W. D. TAYLOR, Feed & Boarding Barn
The popular feed and boarding stable so ably conducted by the above named gentleman is deserving of brief mention herein. Mr. W. D. Taylor's barn is well arranged and has ample stall room for a large number of the equine family and he does a large feed business and employs only competent grooms. This gentleman makes a special feature of boarding, buying and selling horses, and he also does a large business in this line, as he is widely and favorably known throughout this district.

A. DEUTCH
Our business review would be incomplete if we failed to make a special mention of the up-to-date general store located south of the postoffice, and the exclusive shoe store located in the Bolinger Block, at Burton's old stand. Mr. A. Deutch carries an elegant array of dress fabrics in all the latest shades, weaves and patterns; hosiery, novelties and notions, suits, cloaks and wraps, emporiums, ribbons, clothing, ladies' and gents' furnishings, furs, all of which he is selling at phenomenally low prices between this and the coming spring trade.

MR. DEUTCH is also proprietor of the exclusive shoe store of the city, and he handles the famous "Florsheim" for men, the celebrated "Walkover" for men and women, and the renowned American Lady and American Girl.

THE STAR BAKERY
The well-equipped Star Bakery, is owned and conducted by Mr. Bert H. Starkey, who has employed an expert in the baker's art in Robert Davis. The shop is provided with modern ovens and is advantageously located opposite The Enterprise printing office. Mr. Starkey turns out the finest breadstuffs daily—charlotte russe, pies, plain and fancy wedding cakes, jelly rolls, buns, etc., and his trade is growing by leaps and bounds. His large corps of patrons all speak in the highest terms of praise of the superior class of baker's goods turned out at the popular Star Bakery.

W. W. DALE, Jeweler
We take pleasure in calling the public's attention to the new and well arranged jewelry establishment of Mr. W. W. Dale, Jr., formerly of Sullivan. The stock carried by this gentleman comprises an elegant line of jewelry of new and novel designs; plain set and wedding rings; watches of the standard movements, handsome clocks, eye-glasses and optical goods in general, and a special feature is made of repairing jewelry; fine watch work and testing and fitting the eyes for glasses by the latest and most approved processes and he guarantees perfect satisfaction.

JOHN D. HILL, East Side Merchant
Our business review of the bustling town of Shelburn would be incomplete if we failed to make special mention of the big brick store so ably presided over by Mr. John D. Hill, located on the east side near the High School building. This gentleman is fully up to the times in mercantile ethics and he carries a well selected line of dry goods, hosiery, novelties and notions, men's work clothes, overalls, jackets, gloves, hats and caps, boots and shoes, choice staple and fancy groceries, garden and orchard productions, queens-ware, etc., an excellent assortment and great variety, and he sells at prices that cannot be duplicated.

Shelburn, Indiana 1938



Haute and Princeton where street lighting service was not interrupted at some time during the depression. This condition at Shelburn was made possible through the splendid cooperation of the Northern Indiana Power Company.

The town has now cleaned up all its outstanding obligations and has the comfortable feeling of money in the bank and sufficient funds with which to operate.

In addition to Shelburn and Curry township, claims of Jackson township, Hymera town, Sullivan county and all other public moneys deposited after Jan. 1, 1933. (when the state sinking fund became effective) were also allowed, the largest amount being that of Shelburn town.

Curry Metropolis Has Unique Record

Payment of Claim Puts Town to the Good With Money in Treasury 1938

Shelburn--the only town between Terre Haute and Princeton, whose street lighting service remained unbroken during the strenuous days of the depression has gained a new distinction.

The town is now completely free of debt, and is one of the very few towns of Indiana which can boast of this condition.

Although Christmas has long since passed, Santa Claus visited Shelburn town this week, and the town received the sum of \$3,000 as the remaining 60 percent of a \$5,000 claim against the Farmersburg State Bank, which closed, together with other banks of the country, under the general moratorium on March 6, 1933.

The sum of \$2,000 previously had been paid to the town of Shelburn under the bank's reorganization plan, and the three

thousand was paid through the state sinking fund for public deposits, this amount being determined "new money" and designated as a preferred claim.

Curry township was allowed \$1,600 under a similar provision. However, the full claim of Curry township was not allowed on the grounds that a portion had been deposited prior to Jan. 1, 1933 and therefore classified as "old money" and not covered under the sinking fund for public deposits, and will therefore depend upon the success of collectings of the collateral in the hands of the trustees for the

waiving depositors.

The Farmersburg State Bank was reorganized several months ago and is operating under the name of the Peoples State Bank of Farmersburg.

With the payment of the above named claim, the town of

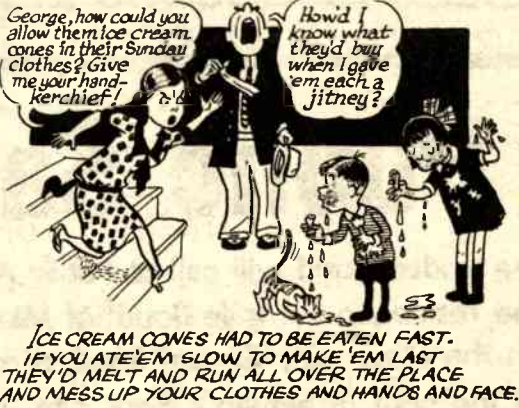
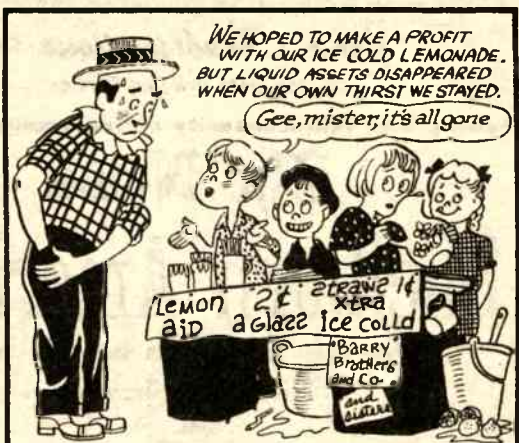
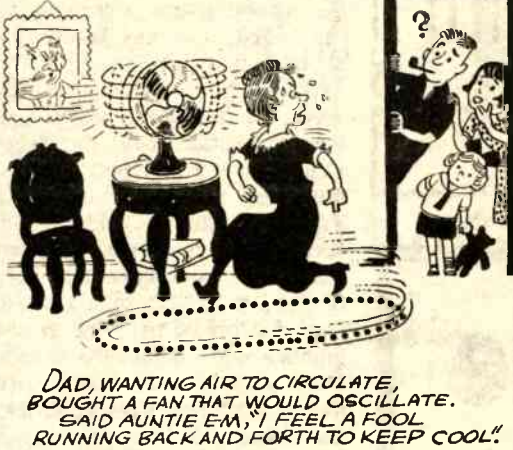
Shelburn is now completely out of debt and the "town dads" are receiving congratulations of this condition which lends added distinction to the town.

While many other towns of the state have been bankrupt during the last few years, Shelburn has kept going in spite of adversities. It is the only town between Terre

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Shelburn Out Of Debt

The town of Shelburn, being the first to go down under the 1927 crash, is now in the best shape of any town in the county.

Jan. 16, 1929, when the First State Bank of Shelburn failed, the town was without funds, having lost \$5,619.89, and with a bonded indebtedness of \$3,200.00. On April 1 of that year a temporary loan was made of \$1500 to pay the bills for the past four months and to carry on until the June draw. Upon receipt of same the notes were paid off and a small balance was left, and with a program of economy practiced at all times and a constant reduction of taxes, the town now finishes the year of 1932 with a balance of \$9,629.10 of which \$4,159.11 is under process of collection from the above bank.

Due to this economy the tax rate for the town was slashed

from \$1.25, the 1932 rate, to 64 cents for 1933 levy and upon being certified to the county auditor together with the levy of all other taxing units, all were pro rated in order to come under the \$1.50 limit as passed by the special session of the legislature and the rate for Shelburn for 1933 was set at 23 cents on the \$100. The town now does not owe one cent and is the only town between Terre Haute and Vincennes on the U.S. Highway 41 that has street lights.

The Town Treasurer's report for the past year 1932 is a credit to any town and shows that our trustees, H. V. Stark, J. H. Wrook, Sam Allison and John Miller, have used the best of judgment in bringing about the present condition of the town and deserve the praise of all our citizens.

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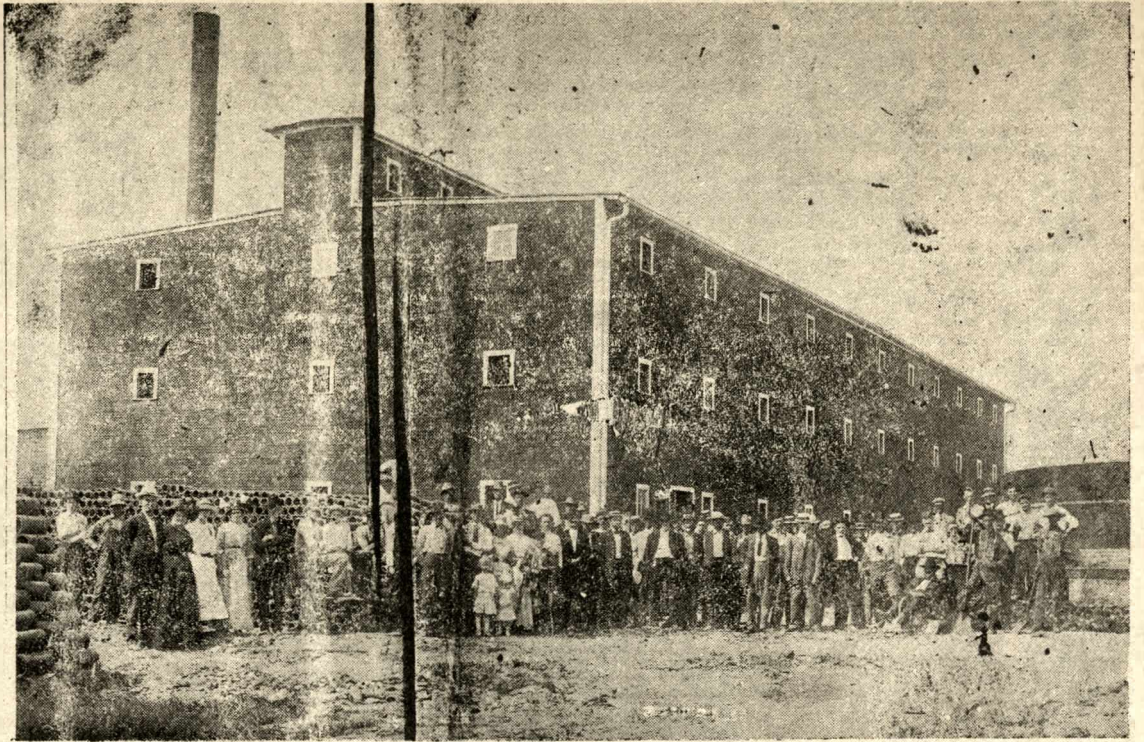
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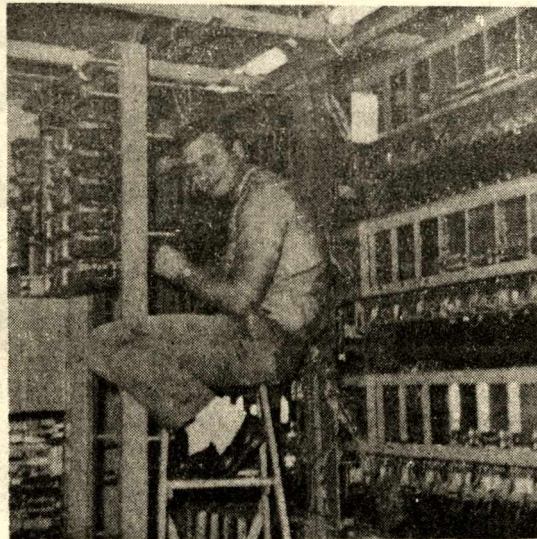
Riggs Clay Production Company 1912

September 18, 1912

The tile and brick plant of the Riggs Clay Product Company was opened Thursday to the public. Several hundred farmers and others interested in drainage heard the lectures by J. C. Beavers of Purdue University

and Daniel Carpenter, of Mellott, Ind., a pioneer in the tile making business. The new plant at Shelburn was erected at a cost of more than twenty-five thousand dollars and is one of the most modern plants of the kind in the state. All of the visitors to the

plant Thursday were served with refreshments by Mrs. Riggs and daughters, and the plant was in operation to show from the clay pits to the yards the manufacture of brick and tile by the most modern methods.

Central Mutual Phone Company 1921

I have been asked for information about the old switchboard, which served the community for so many years. It was known as a magnetic board. When you rang the old wall phone, a drop fell on the board, this was before the signal was a light.

This picture was taken in 1921 when the telephone office was located upstairs over the Stark Drug Store. I had just gone on duty and my buddy is Hattie Trimmer. Minnie Hilderbrand, the night operator, was going off duty. Her working hours were from 6 p.m. till 11 a.m. and off an hour for breakfast. This was 7 nights a week, before the 40 hour week became legal. There were four of us; Helen Woodsmall was the fourth. If we needed or wanted to be off, we traded with one another and it worked out fine. Mr. H. V. Stark was the manager, he also went from house to house collecting the switchboard fees. He either walked or rode a bicycle on the 10th and 25th of the month as that was miners payday.

Subscribers who owned a share in the company only paid 25 cents a month, but they had to keep their phone in order. Others paid \$1.00 a month in the corporation and \$1.25 outside the corporation. The toll charge to Sullivan was 10 cents for five minutes.

When I started to work, there were about 600 subscribers and before long it increased to over 800. You could call Hymera, Clay City, Farmersburg, Prairie Creek, Prairieon, Fairbanks, Graysville, Dugger, Paxton, and Lewis free of charge. If you were persistent, with the operators help, it was possible to call Fairbanks, Graysville, Hutsonville and then Trimble Station,

Illinois, but that was the end of the line.

When the coal mines were at their peak, we reported work for 23 different mines. Quite often it was difficult to obtain the right kind of railroad cars and many times at quitting time the Seifert yards wouldn't know if they could supply them, so it was left up to "central" to find out and give the report. All the miners were very generous to us for the favor. I'll never forget when Curt Bridwell, bookkeeper for Jackson Hill No. 4 came to the office with our Christmas gift and under each arm he had a Plymouth Rock hen that had been given to him out at the camp. He had to ride the interurban car to his house in Sullivan.

We also kept a schedule for the street cars to Sullivan and Terre Haute.

A party line in that day, especially in the country might have twelve parties on the line. We had a ringing code of 16 different rings. Everybody called by name so you had to do some quick thinking. The doctors usually would let us know where we could locate them if needed.

Some tragic things happened in the many years I worked. The explosion at City Mine in 1925 when 51 men lost their lives and the tornado in 1949. I was on duty in both instances. Other operators besides the ones I mentioned were Don Brewer, Lillian Dowden, Eva Duckworth, Veneta Strahle, Margaret Beardsley, Lois Richmond, Faye Miller, Dora McKenzie and Dorothy McKinney.

At one time, I think about 1910, there was another telephone company in Shelburn. It was located upstairs in the Bolinger

Block.

The old wall telephone and hello girls have had their day and their way as everything and everyone does. I think the people who lived in these times have so much to be thankful for. I am sure as the years go by there will be many more changes.

By Mayme Pierson

Shelburn Switches To Dial Phones

The conversion from manually operated switchboards to automatic equipment was made.

As the result of the conversion seven telephone operators terminated their employment representing 133 years of service. They were Dovie Brewer, 48 years; Maymie Pierson, 24 years; Veneta Strahle, 29 years; Lois Richmond, 13 years; Fadalia Miller, 11 years; Dora McKinzie, 6 years, and Dorothy McKinney, 2 years.

Oldest Man In 1976

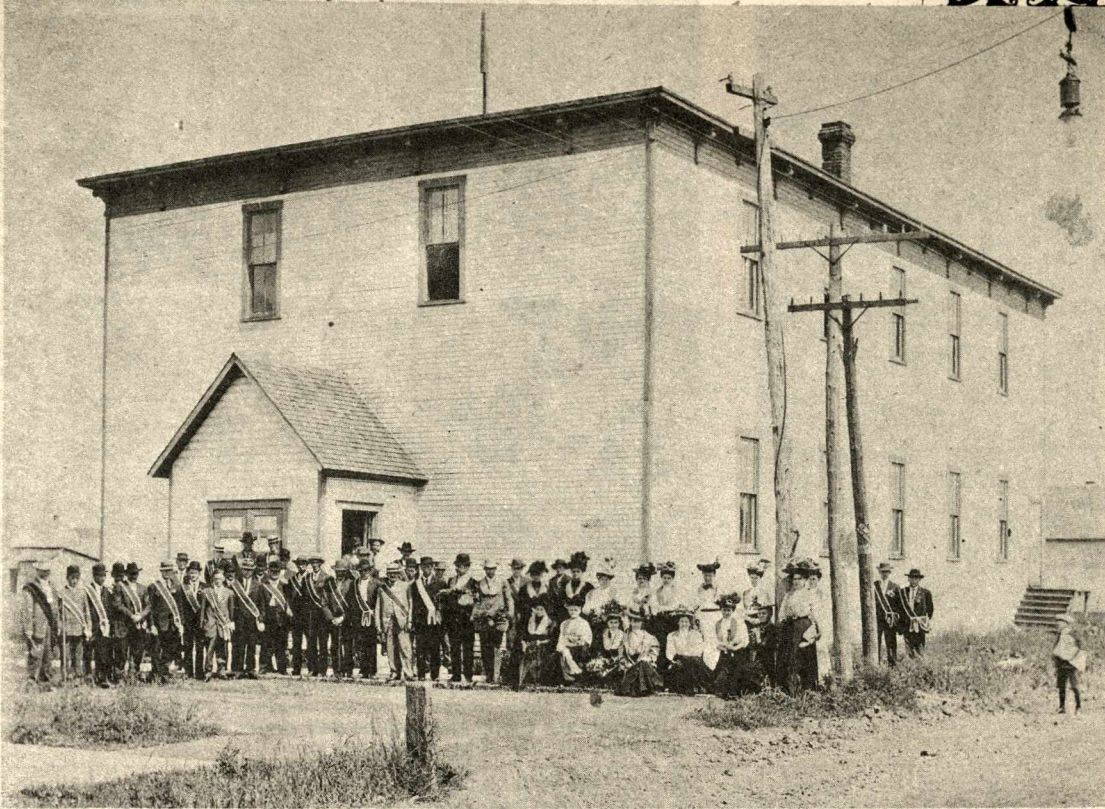
The oldest man in Shelburn is believed to be Bert Howard of 430 West Griffith St. He is 92 years of age and came to the town in 1900 at the age of 16. He went to work in the coal mines as an apprentice machinist and blacksmith.

He was born in Odon, but at a very early age moved to Elnora, Indiana in Davies County. He lived there until coming to Shelburn to live with his brother, Dan, his wife Ethyl, and their daughter Dolores, now Mrs. Orville Turner of Shelburn. The latter Howards are also the parents of Earl Howard of the Sullivan County Highway Department bridge construction crew.

The senior Shelburn resident worked in the Star City Coal Mine and other mines of the area until his retirement in 1956.

His wife, Pearl Ilyer Howard, died in 1963 and he has continued to live in the dwelling they had built to replace the one the tornado destroyed. Their daughter, Beatrice Howard Bolinger (Mrs. Bernard), resides in Shelburn while another daughter, Delta Howard Stark Boning, resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Their son, Edward resides in Indianapolis. Since his retirement his life has continued to be a very vital one considering his age and his spirited determination to see what "birthday year 100" holds for him.

Redmans Lodge Hall



This is a picture of the Redmans Lodge Hall. Besides being used for a lodge hall, it was a community center being used for dances, for theatrical plays, and later basketball hall. The Church of God started their services in this building.

after two hours constant and heavy fire fighting were able to bring the blaze under control. Aiding greatly in saving the Stevenson pool room, Flick's barber shop, and Gaskins General Store from complete destruction was the alley separating the drug store from these three business establishments in the southern end of the block.

Working gallantly, Miss Minnie Hilderbrand, who for 30 years, has operated the night telephone switchboard, stayed at her post sending emergency calls for aid until she had to flee through the unbearable heat and smoke to safety. State Patrolman Ed Nash aided her in escaping before the entire building collapsed.

The huge damage done was estimated to be over \$100,000 and is only partially covered by insurance. However, steps are being taken to start operation of a new telephone switchboard immediately and O. B. Stark, who had one of the most modern and completely equipped drug stores

in this section of the state, will soon rebuild another. The location of these new establishments are as yet undecided. It is hoped that in the near future the entire group of totally destroyed business houses may be rebuilt and all possible efforts are being made to accomplish this purpose.

The smoking ruins are an almost unbelievable sight and flocks of people from hundreds of miles around are driving to Shelburn to view this terrible spectacle.

Major Fires Of Shelburn

Shelburn has had several destructive fires—that of July 7, 1885, when the Linn and Cuppy buildings were burned; on December 22, 1893, burning Siner's hardware store; and November 15, 1905, which caused a loss of about \$5,000.

Perfection Packaging Company fire—1963.

Shelburn Fire Truck 1928

Walter Thompson Driving



Methodist Church 1912



Shelburn Methodist Church. Organized 1884; built 1912

Christian Church 1910



Shelburn Christian Church Choir. About 1910

Business Resumes After Worst Fire 1938

In spite of the terrific loss suffered in last Saturday's fire Shelburn's ever progressing merchants who were burned out, have made plans to resume their services to the public. As very little or no stock fixtures were saved, plans and means for a start from the very bottom was necessary. This fire was one of the most destructive ever to occur in Shelburn.

Following the worst fire in the history of the town, and the second huge fire in the town since May, plans are now being pushed to install in the vicinity as soon as possible, an efficient water supply in an effort to combat future loss of property by fire.

The terrible blaze, which destroyed five buildings and all their contents in Shelburn's business block, started shortly before 6:00 Saturday morning and is believed to have originated

in the back of the Nicholson Brothers hardware store. Due partly to the strong wind blowing, it was only a short while till the hardware store, the telephone exchange, Democratic headquarters, O.B. Stark's Drug Store, the Hamilton Hotel, Dr. Wrook's office, Nell's Beauty Shop, which had just been remodeled and redecorated, Bean's Shoe Shop, the Bolinger Feed Store, and several boarding rooms were going up in a huge and billowing cloud of smoke.

The Terre Haute, Hymera, Shelburn, and Sullivan fire departments and volunteers worked valiantly and it was through their efforts that the Oakley grocery and the Masonic lodge room located above the store were saved. Again being greatly handicapped by no water system, the firemen strung hose to a pond one-half mile away and

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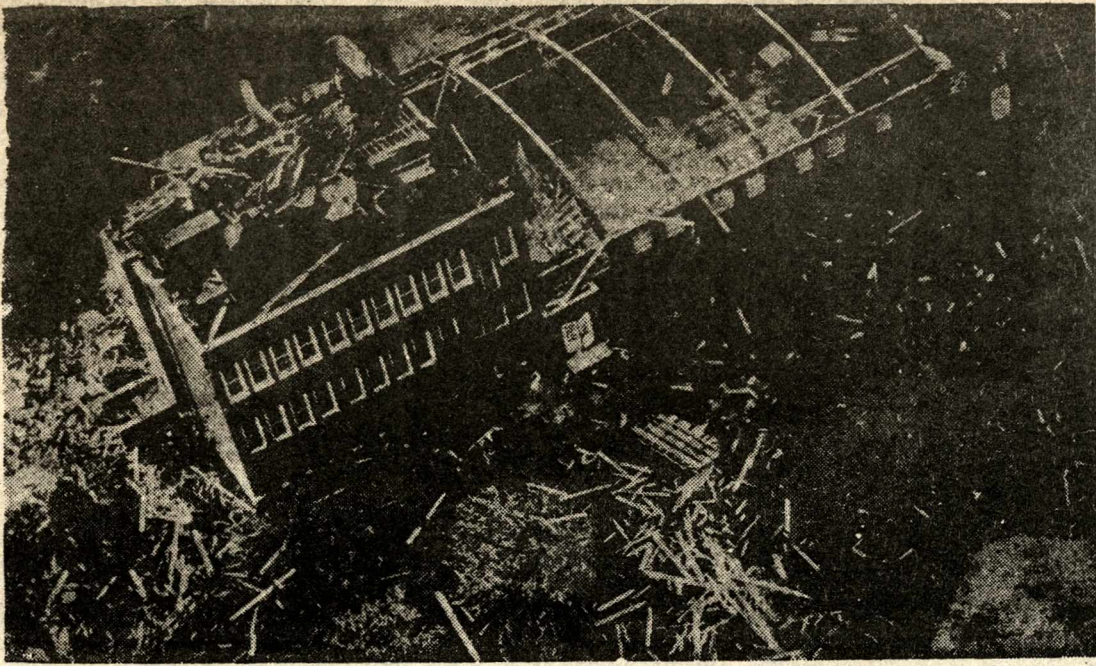
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May 21st, 1949 Tornado Demolishes Shelburn



TORNADO TOOK ROOF—Shelburn High School is roofless after a tornado swept through the town killing several persons and injuring scores. Forty-five persons were reported killed, nearly 300 injured by five tornadoes in three states. (N. E. A. Telephoto.)



SURVIVE TORNADO—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brooks and their children, Kenneth, 4 years old, and Bonnie Bell, 2, sit in the flattened wreckage of their house in Shelburn after tornado demolished it. The Brooks found themselves safe under the kitchen stove after the wind hit. (N. E. A. Telephoto.)

Where Were You?

Where were you Saturday evening May 21st, in 1949? It was on this date that disaster and devastation struck a violent blow to the Wabash Valley. Headlines read "Tornado Tears Through Shelburn," "Shelburn, Hardest Hit, Counts 8 Fatalities, \$750,000 Damage," and "Shelburn Storm Death Toll Grows".

It was 5:45 Saturday evening when Shelburn residents paced their lawns and scrutinized the turbulent heavens during the tornado's approach. Rolling clouds heaved baseball size hail in thick layers upon the earth. Trees bent to touch the ground then spasmodically came to a halt. There was an abrupt calm and silence...moments later the twister touched down in Cherry Dale Section and cut a swath of death and destruction two miles long through the west part of Shelburn, Indiana.

Though the death toll was recorded along with other statistics the figures cannot record loss of things that will never be possible to replace.

The following eyewitness accounts of the storm were recorded:

Lyle Trueblood

I had just driven into the driveway with 7 tons of potatoes. Those awful black clouds had frightened and warned me and were closing in quickly.

As soon as I got inside the house, I had Alice, my wife and our three sons Steve 6, Joe 4, and Ted 2 to lie under the iron bed in the kid's room.

I kept watch at the window for what seemed like an eternity watching for it to strike. As the clouds kept churning and moving towards our house, I could see trees and debris flying. It was a horrible sight. An instant later I hit the deck and slid under the bed with the others.

The house crushed in upon them. The new 2 ton truck full of potatoes was blown upside down onto a house.

Miss Euletta Slover

"I was sitting in the living room of my home on the east side of town. There are about 1,600 people living here.

It was raining hard and the wind was blowing strong. All of a sudden I heard a roaring noise. It sounded like a whole bunch of diesel locomotives speeding into town full speed.

I saw people running around in the street yelling, "Cyclone, cyclone".

I looked out the window and saw a big funnel-shaped cloud coming from the southwest. It looked like it was raising up in the air as it hit town.

It was all over in a minute. I ran outdoors and ran clear across to the west side of town. I saw automobiles that had been picked up and dashed into the yards of homes.

I saw many houses flattened to the ground and many others badly damaged. Trees were down everywhere.

I surely thought there must be many dead and injured. Later, the undertaker told me four bodies had been taken to his place

Casualties of the tornado in Shelburn were: Mrs. Edna Graves, 49; Mrs. May Starkey, 51; Mrs. Imo Owens, 58; Edward Owens, 63, husband of Mrs. Imo Owens and brother of Mrs. Graves; Mrs. Blanche Oakes, 50; Robert M'Garvey, 30; Patricia M'Garvey, 4, his daughter; Leo Alexander, 32.

Four hundred persons in Shelburn were left homeless, 65 homes demolished, 60 severely damaged and 35 damaged but habitable. Only one business

building, the Hall Garage on the Southwest side of town, was demolished. The new high school had a corner blown away and the roof torn off. The adjoining gymnasium was demolished and windows blown out of the school.

The west wall of the Church of God was ripped away with the United States Flag still flying in front of the auditorium and the pews untouched.

Relatives and friends searched the debris and rushed victims to the hospital in private cars; Boy

Scouts advanced to the scene and applied tourniquets on victims who were bleeding excessively and applied splints to broken bones; State Police, the Salvation Army, Red Cross workers and later Senator Capehart and Governor Schricker came to Shelburn's aid.

Greater than the destructive force of nature's wrath was the demonstration of human brotherhood and assistance which surged to relieve the suffering and needy. Nancy Capps

Eastward School



In the late 1800's or early 1900's. This building served as the grade and high school until 1904. From 1904-1923 the building housed the

high school. In 1924 the first class graduated from the new high school and the East Ward

became a grade school. The building was torn down in the late 1950's and the Shelburn City Park now occupies the site.

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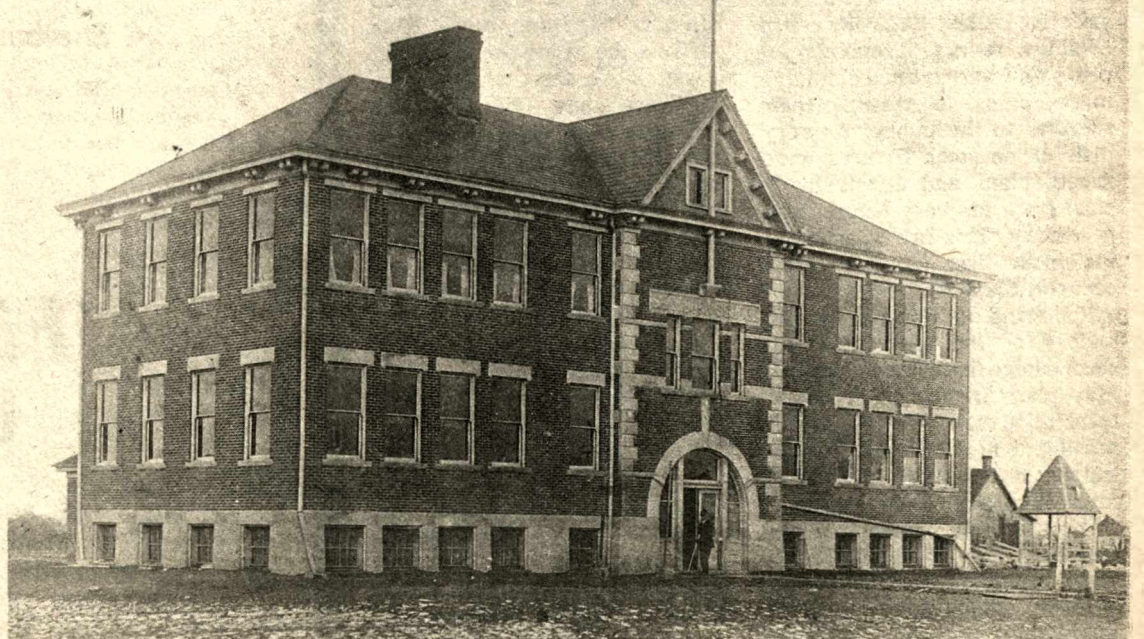
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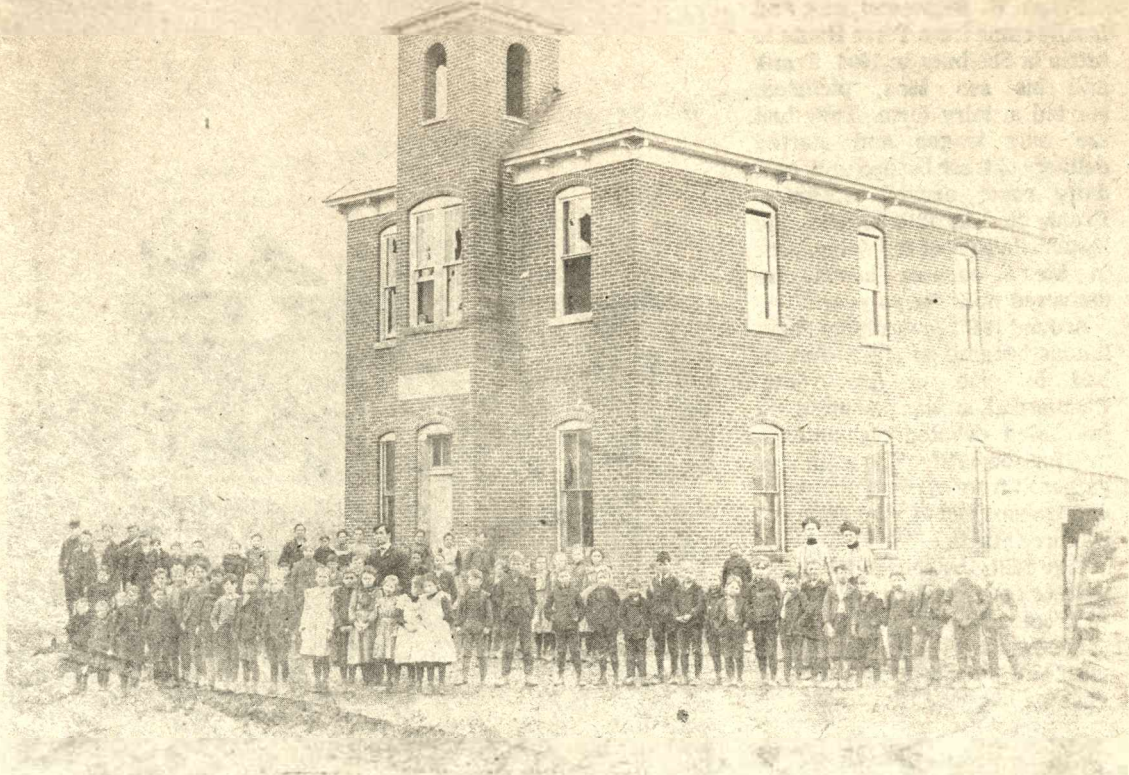
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Precious Memories



Shelburn's First School Building

(By Way Back When)

The recent abandonment of the East Side School building in Shelburn, brings to mind some interesting bits of history concerning the immediate building, and those which preceded it.

Mrs. O. M. Sebring, who grew up in the Shelburn community and has lived there since, gives us some names of former pupils and teachers and some insight into Shelburn's early school days, when accommodations were far from those of today.

Mrs. Sebring recalled that she waded the mud from down where Mammoth Mine later was located, and before the days of the consolidated school and the school bus service. "Skirts were long," she recalled, "and by the time we waded the deep mud for two miles or so, we were a sight by the time we reached school."

There were two old frame buildings, originally, and the principal during the time Mrs. Sebring attended the third and fourth grades back in the late eighties, was Robert Taylor who, after giving up the teaching profession, became clerk of the Sullivan Circuit Court. He was the father of John S. Taylor, Sullivan attorney, and lived in Sullivan many years.

Mrs. Sebring said she recalls that two of the pupils, who were in the early grades with her, were Lillian Dale Scott and the late Murray Mason, both of Sullivan.

Gertrude Benefield, later the wife of R. L. Bailey, was the teacher of four of the grades which occupied one room in the old frame. One of the teachers later was prominent as a teacher of the second grade in the old Central building at Sullivan (which has just been demolished) was Mayme Hinkle. Another teacher at the old Shelburn building was Dr. Madge Patton Hawkins Stevens, for many years identified with the teaching profession in Terre Haute. Other teachers at the old frame buildings were Ed Liston, Arpy Curry and Helen Flood. Miss Curry became the wife of Will Bolinger and later moved to Caney, Kan., where they spent the remainder of their lives. Herschel Bolinger, their son, recently died there.

During the nineties, the east half of the brick building which replaced the old frame structures, was erected, and the west half was built several years later. Dick Railsback was teacher and principal of the building. He also became clerk of the Circuit Court and moved to Sullivan where he now resides.

Among the other teachers at that time were Laura McDonald, Stella Botts (Woodrow), and Stuart McDonald.

These are the hallowed halls of childhood memories so dear to our hearts. Their ghostly interiors, one now abandoned, the others closed for another vacation summer, hold a strange fascination for girls now grown to womanhood who once lined the blackboards with their first penmanship abilities. And, how often grown-up boys now return to scan the scarred exteriors for initials carved there so long ago. Truly those were the carefree days the poet longed for when he wrote:

"Turn backward, turn backward--
Oh, time in your flight.
And make me a child again
Just for tonight."

This being a physical impossibility, let us try to do the same via memory lane.

Shelburn High School had its commissioned beginning back in 1904 when the now abandoned East Ward building was completed. The first graduating class is recorded as 1910 and had two members of whom Orville Hall was one, Beatrice Rettish Howard, the other.

Something must be said, however, for a very outstanding class that sought their high school diplomas in 1903. This class after only two years of study submitted to a three-year examination offered by the state of Indiana and having successfully passed it, received their diplomas. Known graduates of this class were Ethel Thompson Wright, Hazel Pierce Ackelmire, Carl Hall (deceased), Gertrude Patten Gaskins and Maude Yeager Brooks.

The next recorded class to graduate was that of 1911 composed of Leon O. Bailey, Vern Crow, Flossie O'Neal Hauger, Eva Thompson Minger, Beulah Lane Rust, Verna Poulson, Bessie Rettish Maple, Helton Hughes and Daniel Moreland.

The first large class graduated in 1912. Its members were Sylvia McKinney Harris, Ida Greggs Ransford, Anna Myers Barrowman, Elsie Atkinson Burnett, Eva Beach Cochran, Leona Thompson Guyer, Marie Buckley Hankins, Russell LaFollette, Moncia Monroe, James McKinney, Roscoe O'Neal and Bertha Lane Underhill.

The last class to receive diplomas before the commission was dropped for an interim of eleven years was that of 1913. Its members were Amelia Cochran, Velma Lofton Davidson, Nelle McHugh Davis and Mabel McCammon Underhill.

During this period of no high school within our town, students commuted to Sullivan or Hymera. But it wasn't long before Shelburn residents began to do something about the situation and construction of a new high school building was underway.

It was completed in 1924 and the first class to graduate from it was composed of: Chester Allison, Margaret Ellis Bert, Bernard Bolinger, Beatrice Howard Bolinger, Richard Denbo, Edward Flesher, Darrell Houston, Hazel Chapman Hoopingartner, Alice Bennett Lazo, Louise Staley Martin, Beulah Thompson Marts, Raymond May, Marjorie Taylor Shroyer, Sophona Benson Stark, Alvin Taylor and Barthol Tressel.

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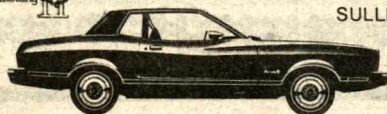
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Frank W. Richmond, wife and family came from Terre Haute to settle in Shelburn in 1904. Frank and his son Med, pictured, started a dairy farm. They had the milk wagon and started delivery of fresh bottled milk on a daily route around Shelburn. Frank died in 1918 leaving the responsibilities of the dairy farm in Med's capable hands. He delivered milk for 43 years.

Around 1947, government regulations became so strict that he had to give up his route. Pasteurization was required by law. Med devoted his time to milking the cattle. The milk was gathered from all over this area and transported to Vigo Milk Co. in Terre Haute.

Vigo Milk Co. bought the milk, pasteurized it and distributed it to grocers for the public.

Med worked the dairy industry until 1961, then sold his herd and devoted his time to farming.



Pictured above is Frank W. Richmond with his milk wagon.

Edmond W. Thompson

One of the industrious and successful agriculturists of Hamilton township, Sullivan county, Indiana, is a true type of an American citizen, and no more exalted title can be conferred upon any person, for in all that is good America affords the best. Mr. Thompson was born Aug. 20, 1845, in Hamilton township, a son of James W. and Beulah (Hunt) Thompson. The father was a native of Kentucky and the mother of North Carolina, born Oct. 30, 1816, and died in Hamilton township, May 20, 1906. The date of the father's birth was 1813, and he died in Feb. 1864. James W. Thompson came to Sullivan Co. when a mere boy, and was always a farmer and stock-raiser. Politically he voted the Whig ticket early in life, and when the organization of the Republican party was effected he united with that was ever true to its teachings and principles. Both he and his wife were worthy members of the Baptist church. He served his country a short time during the dark days of the rebellion as a member of Company I, Seventeenth Indiana Regiment. James W. and Beulah (Hunt) Thompson were the parents of thirteen children.

Edmond obtained his education at the schools of Hamilton township, and remained at home until he enlisted, Aug. 21, 1863. That the family was one possessed of true patriotism, it only needs to be stated that his family was truly patriotic, as his father and four brothers were all in the Union army. All were indeed fortunate and returned home to follow the more peaceful pursuits, and that within a free nation. After the war the subject returned to the old homestead and lived with his mother until he married after which she lived with him until her death in 1906. He owns a valuable farm property of almost a hundred acres on the north side of Hamilton township, near the village of Shelburn. He also deals some in real estate. He was married in 1883 to Annora Higdon. Mrs. Thompson received her education in her native township schools. Nine children were born to the couple. Charles Wesley, married to Sadie McCammon; Oliver Caleb, unmarried; Ethel May, unmarried and at home; William H. H.; Eveline; Leone Hobart; and the youngest children were twins. This family were all well educated and Charles Wesley attended the Danville Normal. The parents and Ethel M. are members of the Baptist church.

History Of The Siner Family

October 25, 1934

Benjamin Siner was a Revolutionary soldier, enlisting at the age of 16 in Culpepper County, Virginia and serving under General Daniel Morgan. Tradition says that he lived in England in or near London, but was a sympathizer with the American colonists side. Tradition also says that after the war was over he returned to England and married Mary (or Polly) Malady, (also spelled Maladie) and brought her to Virginia. Though these American pioneers may have come from England, both the name Maladie and Siner are of French origin, the original spelling of Siner being LeSiner. A certain Jean Maladie is listed in the French archives at Paris, who fought for American liberty.

For a time Benjamin and his bride lived in Virginia, but soon moved to Kentucky in the vicinity of Owensborough and Breckenridge where he owned ten thousand acres of land. Doubtless, discouraged over the disputed title of his land, as was common in those early days, he moved into Indiana sometime between 1816 and 1821. There is a record of the law suit years later in Kentucky over a large tract of this land which Benjamin had sold. The suit was adjudged, however, in favor of the "unknown heirs" of Benjamin Siner, thus proving his true title. These "unknown heirs" were living at this time in the Hoosier wilderness, wrestling their living from much smaller tracts of land, totally unaware of being heirs to greater fortunes. Indeed, it was little more than a year ago that this record came accidentally to the attention of Benjamin Siner's great-grandchildren, and their children and grandchildren.

After a short stop near what is Palmers Prairie north of Sullivan, Benjamin and his growing

family settled in 1821 two miles east of Pimento, Indiana, where he died in 1829, and was buried in the old Union cemetery nearby. Many of his family, including his widow, who later married Benjamin Harris, became members of the newly established Union (Baptist) church, but he remained an Episcopalian all his life.

Benjamin and Polly Maladie Siner were the parents of a typically pioneer family, eleven children born between 1797 and 1822. They were as follows: Frances (Fanny) who married Eli St. Clair, and lived near Palmers Prairie; her descendants later moving to Youngstown and Terre Haute; Ollie, who married William Hodges, and after his death, Hardy Hill; Joe; Clemmy, who married a Mr. Curry of Currysville; Nelson, who married Desdemona Shelburne, the founder of the town of Shelburn; Polly, who married Benjamin Harris (whom her widowed mother had married); James, who married Matilda Evans and spent his later years at Danville, Illinois; Hugh Lawson, who married Ruhanie Welch; Benjamin, who married Nancy Arp Coffman, and whose two children are still living; John Malady, who married Rebecca Pound and lived near Youngstown; and Ancil. What became of Joel and Ancil is not known. They probably died before their father as they are not mentioned in his will.

At the recent reunion there were present twenty-eight descendants of Nelson Siner; 19 of John Malady Siner; two of Ollie Siner Hodges, and 1 of Polly Siner Harris. At the last year's family reunion members of the family of Benjamin, Jr., and Fanny Siner St. Clair were present.

T.H.I. & E.

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The old interurban track ballast will form the road bed for the new highway. The steel rails will be stored and later disposed of.

The new project follows the recent acquisition of the interurban tracks and complete right-of-way by the town of Shelburn.

Thus, gradually, the old Terre Haute-Sullivan interurban tracks, which for thirty years, have been an important part of the community activities of this county, are passing into oblivion. But although the old traction line is bidding adieu to Sullivan countyites, the memory of the ride to Terre Haute on the first interurban car to take the trip

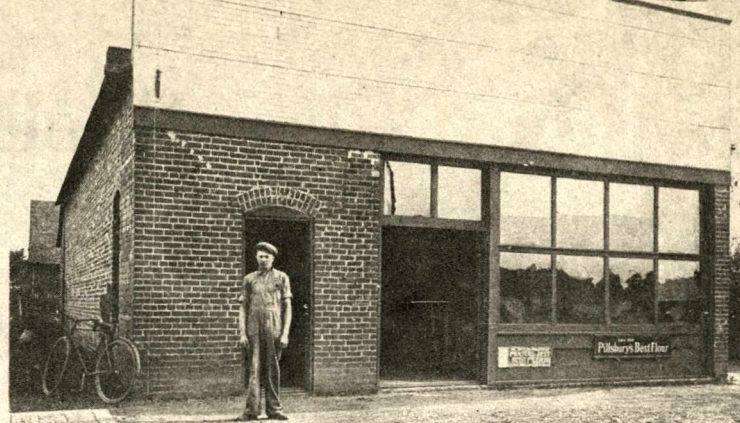
along the line, is still fresh in the minds of many local residents.

Motor busses now purr and hum along the concrete within throwing distance of the old traction line, which once was considered the last word in modern quick transportation.

The little waiting stations at the various interurban stops between Sullivan Terre Haute long since have fallen into decay and now the track itself is to be erased from the landscape, as one more step in the evolution of travel.

The last vestige of the historic landmark--the old Shelburn mine--has also been removed with the grading down of what remained of the ancient gob-pile. This also was a federal project.

Turners' Feed Store - Orville



the General Motors Corporation plants. He retired several years ago, following the death of his wife, Kate Mullikin Turner, and built a retirement home in Bonita Springs, Florida.

Orville and his wife, Delores Howard Turner, still reside at 153 E. Griffith St., where they went to housekeeping and where their only son, Howard, now director of adult and vocational education for the Vigo County School Corp. was born.

Vernie and his wife, Emma Miller Turner, also reside at the address to which they moved as newlyweds at 492 N. Thomas. They have one son, Charles Thomas Turner, named for his paternal grandfather and his maternal grandfather, Thomas Miller. Their first born, Phyllis Jane, died in her early teens.

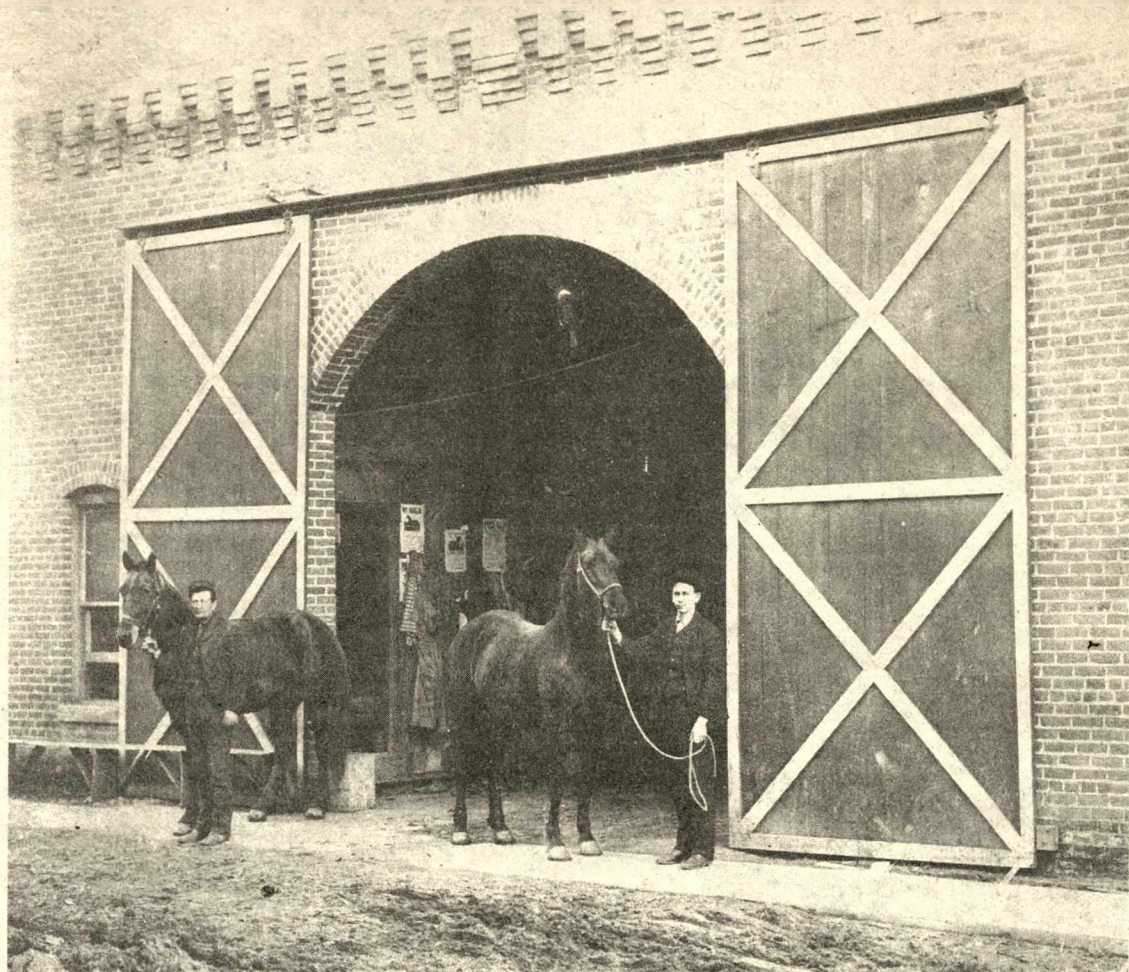
Better known of "Tom" and a teacher at North Central High

School, their son and his wife, the former Sandy Rich, of Sullivan reside in the northeast corner of Washington and Broadway where they occupy a new home. Bradley and Amy are their children.

Clyde and his wife, the former Helen Fidler, of Farmersburg, are also longtime residents at their present address, 333 W. Mill St. Their home required extensive repairs when the residence immediately to the east burned in 1939, more than 30 years ago.

Grandpa Turner died in 1960 at the age of 90 and his widow, the former Martha Ann Lee, died in 1971 at the age of 97. Although poor health plagues most of the sons, they still would tell you they enjoyed "life in their hometown". Orville, now 75; Vernie, 72; Clyde, 60; and even Leslie, 66, who returns often for a visit.

Euleta Slover Turner
November 7, 1971



C.R. Turner Livery Stable

HISTORY OF THE C. R. TURNER FAMILY IN SHELBN

The story of the Turner family in the town of Shelburn began when Charles R. Turner was born in 1869 on a farm near Prairie Creek in Vigo County to George W. and Sarah Bunch Turner. In about 1890 he came to the community of Shelburn to pursue an avid and ever-growing desire to undertake a number of enterprising endeavors.

His vision and courage led to nearly a century of contribution and living satisfaction for himself, his wife Martha, and their four sons—Orville, Vernie, Clyde and Leslie—in the town in which he established a blacksmith shop, a coal mine, a livery stable, feed store, restaurant, grocery and general store, hardware store, apartment dwellings, owned and operated a number of farms, engaged in livestock production and, as his sons who followed, was a general good friend to hundreds.

Although they never operated a loan company for money, "Grandpa" Turner, as he came to be known by many, and his sons loaned money to numerous persons and never asked for interest in return. (This writer, now Euleta Slover Turner, wife of his grandson, Howard R. Turner, can attest to this fact, for it was on a loan of \$35 for "The Turners" that I went to Bloomington to seek employment and possibly attend Indiana University. World War II, Pearl Harbor closed the job and an employment chance at the Sullivan Daily Times led to a newspaper career of nearly 24 years, culminating with the Tribune-Star Publishing Co., Inc. (in Terre Haute)

C. R. Turner's first endeavor in Shelburn was the establishment and operation of a blacksmith shop at the age of 21 years. It was

located on the corner of North Thomas and East Griffith Streets (the old I.O.O.F. Bldg.) just east of the current B & G Home Improvement Mart.

He sold the smithy about 1907 and opened the town's largest restaurant building. The building at 7 East Mill Street which is occupied by the Shelburn Public Library today. After a few years, he sold it and built another building on West Mill Street and opened a livery stable which he operated for a number of years with the help of his oldest sons, Orville and Vernie. The building was razed a number of years ago by the former Perfection Packaging Company and today the area serves as a parking lot for the Shelburn Branch of the Farmersburg Bank. He added a second livery stable to his interest by buying out Jim McHugh grandfather of Richard McHugh) and Abe Boyer, located on the east side of Bolinger Garage, operated by Bernard Bolinger and his father, Will, and now utilized by the Hagen Manufacturing and Supply Co.

His mining interests also came around the turn of the twentieth century, he and Abe Boyer, son-in-law of the town's first coffin maker, Tom Martin, were the owners. (Abe and Jim began the community's first funeral home, which Mr. McHugh later assumed completely and the family has continued to-date).

It was the old Kettle Creek Mine, located across the road to the north of the present Jessie Hill Walters residence, east of town. They later sold it to a company which opened a second Kettle Creek Mine, the ruins of which still are evident at the southeast edge of town, immediately behind the Jim Thompson property.

About 1919, he entered the grocery business on the northeast

corner of Railroad and Mill Streets, where the Hagen Manufacturing firm has its main production center now, and four years later built the building just across the alley to the east where the family grocery and general store operated for more than 50 years.

Several apartments were located on the second floor and the hardware building was added in 1938 and incorporated a full line of housewares, appliances, etc. One of the hitching posts, placed in the parking lot to the east (corner of Mill and Thomas Streets by the town fathers is now a keepsake on the residence lawn of grandson Howard, in Terre Haute.

The eldest son, Orville, did not join his father immediately in the grocery business. After attending grade school and two years of high school at the old Shelburn School (later known as East Ward Bldg.), situated where the city park is now located, he finished his last two years of high school at Sullivan, graduating 1915.

Soon thereafter, he and brother Vernie ran the feed store owned by his father and N. O. Robbins, noted local clothing store operator and auctioneer. It was located in the building now utilized as a garage and storeroom, immediately behind the Boone residence, southeast corner of Mill and Thomas Streets.

The advent of the U.S. entry into World War I saw Orville turned down several times for military service and then finally accepted by the U.S. Army in 1918, only to serve a few months before the Armistice was signed.

In 1919, Orville and Ross Buckley went into the restaurant business originally started by the senior Turner, Orville selling his interest a few months later, accepting a position with the R. H. Heath Grocery, located where the old Perfection Packaging Company was formerly located. It was there that he got his livestock butchering knowledge. He joined his father and Vernie in the family grocery business in 1921 and managed the meat department for many years. The growing business later prompted the addition of the late Orville Hall to the department.

Vernie, and late Clyde and Leslie, also joined the Turner concern, Leslie leaving the business about 1931 to open a grocery business in the Wilfred community, between Hymera and Shelburn. He sold it in 1941 and went to Pontiac, Michigan, where he worked for a quarter century in

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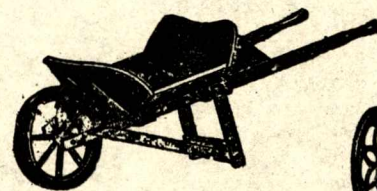
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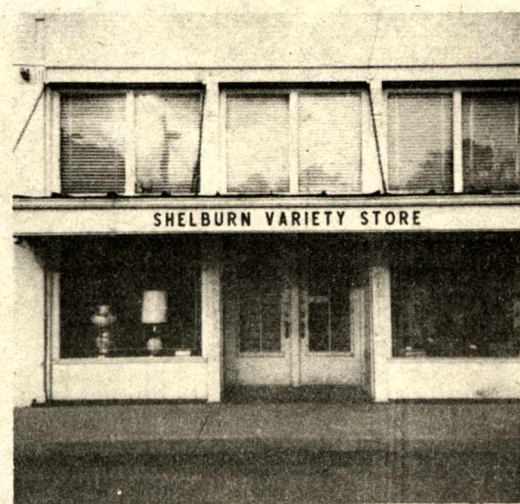
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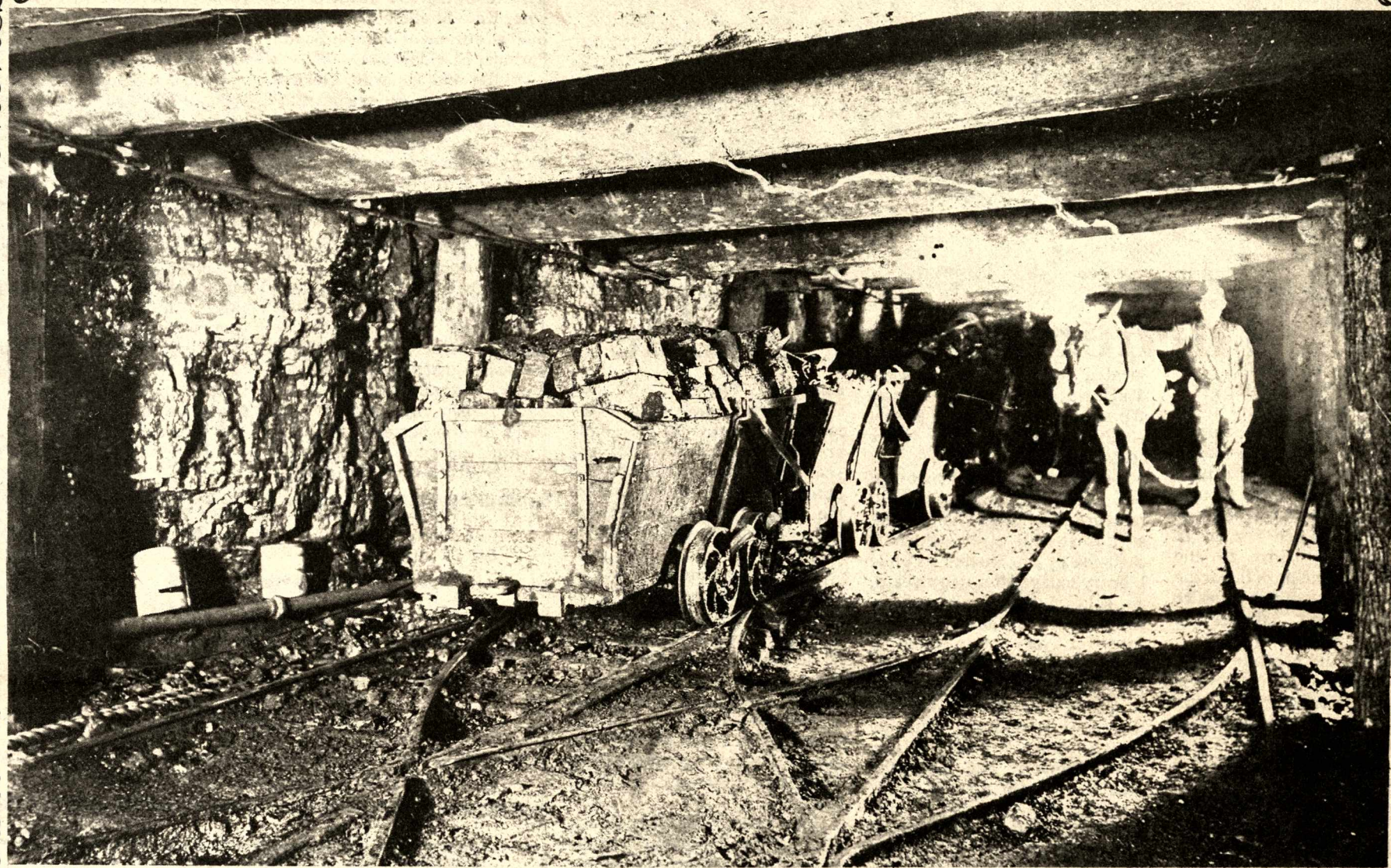
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